

# The Dawson Springs Progress

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## TO MATCH STATE ALCOHOL LAWS

### Council Amends Ordinance At Special Meeting

By Carolyn Walker

The city council heard a second reading of an ordinance pertaining to alcoholic beverages which incorporates changes passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in Senate Bill 13. The ordinance passed by a vote of 5 to 0 at a special called meeting Thursday night. Rick Hendrickson was not present.

Senate Bill 13 reduces the

number of state license types by half, vacated the prohibition against selling alcoholic beverages on election days and allows wholesalers and distributors the option of renewing their licenses for a one- or two-year period.

The ordinance does not affect Dawson Springs at this time. Although alcohol can now be sold on election days, it is still prohibited in Dawson Springs.

## \$15,227 FOR PRESERVATION

### City Among Nine Receiving Grants

Dawson Springs was among nine communities awarded grants totaling \$80,000 for preservation-related projects in late 2013.

Eligible activities include surveying historic properties or archaeological sites, preparing nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, compiling historic context or thematic studies, creating historic preservation plans, or for professional development, training for historic preservation commissions and planning staff, or public education. Grants cannot be used to acquire or restore historic properties.

Dawson Springs will receive \$15,227 (\$9,136 with a match of \$6,091) to provide preservation education workshops for city officials, historic preservation district commissioners, property owners and interested people in the community.

"It is always interesting to see how these grants are being creatively leveraged by communities to broaden their impact," said Craig Potts, Kentucky Heritage Council executive director and state historic preservation officer.

The Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office is now accepting grant applications from Kentucky Certified Local Governments for matching grants for historic preservation activities. Awards are made annually to qualifying projects submitted by participating citywide and county historic preservation commissions.

Eligible Certified Local Governments must apply for this next round of grants by March 3.

Other cities receiving 2013 awards are Bardstown, Bellevue, Campbellsville, Covington, Danville, Frankfort, Middlesboro and Shelbyville.



ALLYSON KOVACH cancels the stamp she used to send a letter home while the local preschool class toured the Post Office Thursday, Feb. 20. Other class members watching are (clockwise, from left) Kenley Haulk, Sophie Johnson, Savanna Dunbar, Eli Britt, Avery Shelton, Peyton Sutton, Cayden Austin and Maria Alvarado.

## TO IMPROVE 'DISMAL' STATUS

### Goals Are Set By Governor To Improve State's Health

By Al Cross  
Kentucky Health News

Gov. Steve Beshear set seven specific, numerical goals Thursday for improving Kentucky's "dismal" health status, which he said is hurting the state's education, productivity, attractiveness to employers, state revenues "and our very quality of life."

Beshear, whose term ends in early December 2015, set the goals to be met by Jan. 1, 2019, and said he would hold

his appointees "accountable for measurable, reasonable progress." The goals of the program, dubbed "kyhealthnow," are:

- **Health insurance:** Reduce the share rate of uninsured Kentuckians to less than 5 percent, through Kynect, the insurance exchange Beshear created under federal health reform.

- **Smoking:** Reduce Kentucky's smoking rate, now the highest in the nation at 28.3 percent of adults, by 10 per-

cent. The strategies include increasing the use of smoking-cessation therapy, now covered under Medicaid, by half; and two major legislative items, a statewide smoking ban and a higher cigarette tax, for which Beshear said he would keep pushing in next year's legislative session if not passed in the current one. "Smoking is the single biggest factor negatively affecting the overall health of Kentuckians," he

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GREG THOMAS, vice president of Electric Distribution with LG&E and KU, presents a \$5,000 check to Dawson Area Personal Services (DAPS) Tuesday, Feb. 25. Local residents accepting the check are (from left) Donnie Mills, LG&E KU Operations Manager; Ron Hensley, DAPS vice president; Christy Winfrey, DAPS secretary; Jeff Winfrey, DAPS president; Thomas; Sue Alexander, Tracy Overby, and Martha Kirk, DAPS board members.

## FROM LG&E AND KU

### Sweater Nets DAPS \$5,000

Dawson Area Personal Services received a \$5,000 check this week from LG&E and KU, thanks to a "best" holiday sweater contest featuring Operations officers.

Prior to the contest, each officer selected a nonprofit organization to receive the prize in the event that he won the contest. Greg Thomas, vice president of Electric Distribution, who selected DAPS as his charity, was the clear winner with his overly-decorated holiday cardigan. He won by a wide margin, garnering almost 30 percent of the 1,072 votes cast by employees. Eight managers participated in the contest.

"On behalf of Dawson Springs Personal Services, I want to thank all of the employees who voted for my sweater," said Thomas. "I may have won the best sweater contest by a landslide, but the real winner is Dawson Springs Personal Services and all the people who will receive the help they need."

Thomas will serve as co-chairman of the 2014 Power of One campaign, which will allow him to continue his efforts to support nonprofit organizations throughout the LG&E and KU service area.

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


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## Obituaries

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Ricky Woolsey, 43

## LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 2/26	Thu 2/27	Fri 2/28	Sat 3/1	Sun 3/2
 30/21 Sunny skies. Cold. High near 30F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph.	 31/18 Mainly sunny. Highs in low 30s and lows in upper teens.	 40/32 Snow showers at times. Highs in low 40s and lows in low 30s.	 45/35 A few clouds. Highs in mid 40s and lows in mid 30s.	 45/30 Rain. Highs in mid 40s and lows in low 30s.

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## Service Will Be Friday For Grada Lea Lisanby

The funeral for Grada Lea Lisanby, 62, of Madisonville, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 8 a.m. until the funeral hour Friday.

The Rev. Maurice Lisanby Jr. and the Rev. Marshall Lee will officiate. Burial will be in Piney Grove Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Mrs. Lisanby died Feb. 24, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was born Sept. 8, 1951, in Detroit, Mich., to the late Theodore Saumier and Virginia B. Lee

Lisanby.

She worked as a secretary for Nick's Pest Management and was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her stepfather Maurice Lisanby Sr.

Survivors include her husband, David Lisanby, Madisonville; her mother, Virginia Lee Lisanby, Madisonville; a stepsister, Helen Lisanby Dancer; and five stepbrothers, Charles Lisanby, James Vernon Lisanby, Maurice Lisanby Jr., Larry Amon Lisanby and Frederick Lisanby.

## Service Will Be Saturday For Barbara Ward Nash

A memorial service for Barbara Ward (Faye) Nash, 70, of Orange Park, Fla., will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Orange Park.

Mrs. Nash died Feb. 20, 2014, at Haven Hospice Custead Care Center surrounded by her loving family. She had fought the good fight against lung cancer since 2009.

She was born April 18, 1943, in Nashville, Tenn., the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ward.

Mrs. Ward attended Cohn High School in Nashville and graduated from Belmont College in 1966. She began her teaching career in Nashville.

She married Roger Nash of Charleston on Oct. 17, 1970. They started a family and moved to Orange Park, Fla., in 1978, following Roger's work. She resumed her teaching career in Clay County School District in 1987, teaching at Doctors Inlet Elementary, Lake Asbury Elementary and Tynes Elementary before retiring in 2010 with 23 years of dedicated service. When asked what she missed most about teaching, her reply was always, "the children."

In addition to her par-

### BARBARA NASH

ents, Mrs. Nash was preceded in death by a brother, Pete Ward.

Survivors include her loving husband of 43 years, Roger Nash; three children, Jennifer Nash of Dawson Springs, Jeffrey Nash and his wife Jenny of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jonathan Nash of Tallahassee, Fla.; five grandchildren, Nicholas and Ashlynn of Orange Park, Fla., Emma and Laura of Jacksonville, Fla., and Brenna of Dawson Springs; two brothers, William Ward and Ronnie Ward both of Nashville, Tenn., many nieces and nephews; and other loving family members and friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made in Mrs. Nash's name to Haven Hospice or a charity of choice.

There is no admission charge. A love offering and donations will be accepted.

For information, phone 875-6248 or 875-6249.

## Gospel Jubilee To Feature 'Anointed' Saturday At 7

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilesley, will feature Anointed at 7 p.m. Saturday. Cancel in case of inclement weather.

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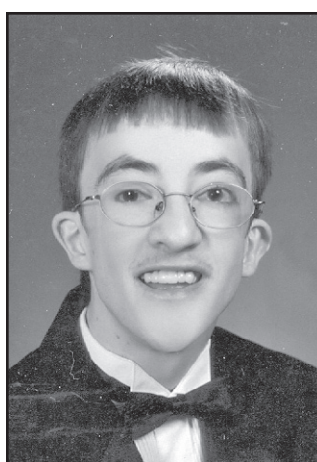
## Services Are Thursday For Zach McGregor

The funeral for Zach McGregor, 32, of Princeton, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Northside Baptist Church in Princeton. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Jeff McCarty, the Rev. Tommy Tackett and the Rev. Jason Collins will officiate. Burial will be in New Bethel Cemetery in Lyon County.

McGregor died at 12:38 p.m. Feb. 24, 2014, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., following a long illness.

He was born Aug. 11, 1981, in Caldwell County, to Roger and Brenda Rambo McGregor of



ZACH MCGREGOR

Princeton.

He was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northside Baptist Church Debt Retirement, P.O. Box 463, Princeton, KY 42445.

## Ricky Woolsey, 43 Dies Later Memorial Planned

Ricky Woolsey, 43, of Dawson Springs, died February 24, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born Dec. 27, 1970, in Hopkins County, to Lee Roy and Bobbie Ann Welchance Woolsey of Dawson Springs.

He was a welder at the Martinrea Auto Parts Factory and was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by four sons, Hunter Woolsey, Wyatt Clay Woolsey, Chance Woolsey

and Daniel Lee Woolsey, all Dawson Springs; two daughters, Kurstie Leigh Woolsey and Haley Brooke Townsend, both Dawson Springs; three brothers, Bobby Woolsey, Dawson Springs, Billy Woolsey, Fredonia, and Lee Woolsey Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Melinda Ezell, Princeton; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton is in charge of arrangements.

## Harsh Weather Damaged Trees Throughout State

By Carol Lea Spence

It's been a hard winter on Kentucky's trees. Though the state hasn't suffered a catastrophic ice storm this year, there has been enough ice to cause significant damage to both woodland and urban trees in some areas.

"It was particularly onerous on some of the pines, particularly Eastern white pine," said Jeff Stringer, referring to an icy storm that struck the Bluegrass a couple of weeks ago. Stringer is an extension professor in the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry, part of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Though ice damage this year has not been serious enough in most cases to damage trees beyond repair and require removal, any tree damaged by ice or winds has a number of problems attached to it.

An open wound can lead to disease or rot. And a common problem can pose a hazard for people and animals on the ground. Broken branches that are hung up

high in the canopy are called widow makers, for good reason. Eventually wind or gravity can bring the limbs down with no warning.

Stringer recommended taking care of damaged trees as soon as possible, considering spring is drawing near. "If you go ahead and prune off those branch stubs, you can set up a situation where they'll start to heal," he said. "That needs to be done fairly quickly though, because there can be some problems with doing this when you get up into mid-March or later."

In a short time, the sap will begin to rise in trees, which can result in bark stripping off fairly easily as the tree is pruned.

If trees have lost major limbs and expose the main stem, he recommended removing the entire branch and cleaning up the bark around the wound.

## Services Held Thursday For Lula Mae Proctor

The funeral for Lula Mae Proctor, 75, of Dawson Springs, was held Thursday at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

Mrs. Proctor died Feb. 18, 2014, at Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born Nov. 28, 1938, in Hopkins County, to the late W.C. and Mamie Neisz.

She was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant Union General Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, James Roy Proctor, Dec. 1, 2002; a daughter, Laura Lee Proctor, Aug. 12, 2010; and three brothers, James Neisz, Raymond Neisz and



LULA PROCTOR

Ralph Neisz

Survivors include three sisters, Millie Begrin, Charleston, Brenda Opp, Dalton, and Shelia Peyton, Owensboro; a brother, Garlin Neisz, Providence; a grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

## Kentucky Marine Dies On Duty In Afghanistan

Gov. Steve Beshear has directed that flags at all state office buildings be lowered to half-staff today in honor of a Kentucky Marine who died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

According to the Department of Defense, Master Sgt. Aaron C. Torian, 36, of Paducah, died Feb. 15 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to

2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Regiment, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Services for Torian will be held at 11 a.m. EST today at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Beshear encourages individuals, businesses, organizations and government agencies to join in this tribute.

### Obituary Policy

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### ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01 AN ORDINANCE INCORPORATING SENATE BILL 13 INTO EXISTING ORDINANCE FRAMEWORK

**WHEREAS**, the Dawson Springs' City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to incorporate into existing ordinance pertaining to alcoholic beverages so as to incorporate the changes passed in Senate Bill 13 by the Kentucky General Assembly;

**WHEREAS**, the enacted Senate Bill 13 reduces state license types from 88 types to 44 types without eliminating any existing license privileges;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 13 vacated the prohibition concerning any licensee selling alcoholic beverages on election days as found in KRS 244.290;

**WHEREAS**, said bill permits holders of producer, wholesaler or distributors licenses the option to renew their licenses for a one (1) year or a two (2) year licensing period, instead of just a one (1) year license. This two (2) year licensing period and renewal option is ONLY available for producers or distributors/wholesalers, not retail licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, said bill changes certain fee structures for certain license types.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY** that any existing ordinance framework is hereby added so as to be consistent with said Senate Bill and any existing provisions in contravention thereof shall heretofore be read in a manner consistent with Senate Bill 13.

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# FINANCIAL STANDING IS SERIOUS

# Mid-Continent University May Possibly Close Down

By Kathleen Fox  
The Paducah Sun

Following a marathon meeting of the Mid-Continent University Board of Trustees, the Mayfield-based school has a new acting president and renewed hope for keeping its doors open.

The Board of Trustees met Saturday in executive session for more than four hours to discuss various plans for the school's future. The board accepted an offer from Robert Imhoff, who had served as president since 2000, to step aside and then named Ken Winters of Murray as acting president.

Chairman Tom Butler said Imhoff has agreed to step aside and give the authority and responsibilities to Winters.

"He has been a valuable president for a number of years but he felt it was in the best interests of the university for him to step aside," Butler said.

Winters previously served as the president of Campbellsville University in

Campbellsville for 11 years. He then was a Republican state senator from 2004 to 2012 and chairman of the Senate Education Committee. Winters said he has been meeting with school and board officials since Feb. 18 to analyze the situation before deciding to take the temporary role.

"The young people are the ones vulnerable in a situation like this," Winters said. "I want to be a help for the short term to get things back on track."

He said his role as acting president will most likely be limited to several months and will include an evaluation of the school's dire financial situation and implementation of steps to remedy it.

Although the board sets the university policies, as acting president, Winters can act unilaterally in all school matters.

Mid-Continent will then name an interim president, who could serve in that role for up to one year, while a national search is conducted to find the next school

leader. Butler said at this time he doesn't expect any additional changes to staff or administrative personnel.

The board also worked on a three-fold plan that may keep the school open through graduation and into subsequent years. Trustee Gale Hawkins said the school will need about \$6 million to reach spring graduation.

Butler said the first and most important step is submitting the fourth round of paperwork and receiving the U.S. Department of Education's approval, which would unlock up to \$9 million. The documents, which financial officials and a former Department of Education employee consultant worked on through Saturday, are set to be sent by courier to a regional office in Kansas City today.

The group of paperwork will provide a sample portfolio of the student population that officials hope will unlock some advanced funds. Then a more in-depth report will be submitted. Bill Bartleman, school chief of

staff, and other officials met with Department of Education representatives in Washington, D.C., on Friday.

"Trustees, friends and alumni have been working together to find short-term solutions until the federal funding comes in," Butler said. "Going forward we are much more confident now and are speaking with one voice."

To sustain the university in the interim, officials have begun a dialogue with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) based in Frankfort to provide the university with a more immediate payment schedule. The school is also considering the sale of current university assets, including surplus land property and vehicles to provide financial relief. That evaluation will be overseen by Winters and begin this week, he said.

Although the school hasn't received any federal student grant or loan money since September, issues with incorrect and flawed book-keeping procedures have

been ongoing since 2010. Winters pointed to issues adjusting the federal regulations to the unique no-term schedule used in the school's Advantage program.

A Program Review Report addressed to Robert Imhoff conducted in November 2010 from the Department of Education dated August 2011, cited 18 findings of non-compliance on the part of the university, mostly related to the Advantage program. Issues included improper awarding and disbursement of loan and grant funding, incomplete awarding procedures, late or unmet financial aid requirements and a failure to provide accurate notification to students, among other complaints. The report also included recommended required action for each finding.

Winters said he plans to meet with students and faculty members in a town hall type meeting during chapel at 9:30 a.m. Monday. He said he plans to work on disseminating information to the school commu-

nity through more frequent in-person presentations and e-mail messages.

Students on campus Saturday voiced frustration with the lack of communication from members of school administration, faculty and staff, which has resulted in a tense atmosphere of uncertainty.

Sophomore business major Darius White said students haven't received any information in person or electronically about the school's financial shortfalls.

"Just tell us what's going on," White said. "It's not right, not right at all."

Darren Fletcher, a senior with a double major in biblical studies and psychology, agreed, adding, "If things are like this, a degree from here doesn't mean that much to me."

Another Board of Trustees meeting is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Advantage building on campus. Butler said it's essential for the board to meet more frequently to keep members abreast of all new developments.

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The Temple Described  
I Kings 6

The Temple that King Solomon built for the Lord was 90 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 45 feet high. The entry room at the front of the Temple was 30 feet wide by 15 feet. There were narrow recessed windows throughout the Temple. There was a complex of rooms against the outer walls of the Temple, all the way around the sides and rear of the building, three stories high connected to the walls of the Temple by beams resting on ledges built out from the wall. The beams were not inserted into the walls themselves.

The entrance to the bottom floor was on the south side of the Temple. Winding stairs led to the second floor with another flight of stairs between the second and third floors. The ceiling was made of cedar beams and planks.

The entire inside, from floor to ceiling, was paneled with wood, the walls and ceilings with cedar and cypress for the floors. The main room of the Temple, outside the Most Holy Place, was 60 feet long. Cedar paneling completely covered the stone walls throughout the Temple, and the paneling was decorated with carvings of gourds and open flowers.

The inner sanctuary, The Most Holy Place, at the far end of the Temple, where the Ark of the Lord's Covenant would be placed, was 30 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 30 feet high and was overlaid with solid gold. Also overlaid with gold was the altar made of cedar and the rest of the Temple's interior. There were gold chains to protect the entrance to the Most Holy Place.

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## Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Zachary N. Bindoo, aka Flip, 21, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 17. He was charged with probation violation (Caldwell County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider and Officer Bobby Hadley.

—Treston A. Fambrough, 19, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 17 on West Rosedale Lane. He was charged with contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order (Hopkins County bench warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—William C. Kelley, 20, Princeton, was arrested Feb. 17. He was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Bobby Hadley.

—Stacey L. Morris, 34, address unknown, was arrested Feb. 18. She was charged with contempt of court (Caldwell County warrant) and contempt of court (Lyon County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Dillon Shelton, 18, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 21 on East Arcadia Avenue. He was charged with trafficking in marijuana, less than 8 oz. (Hopkins County warrant). The warrant was served for the Pennyrile

Narcotics Taskforce. Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

—Jonathan E. Plante, 28, St. Charles, was arrested Feb. 22. He was charged with driving on a DUI suspended license, failure to produce insurance card, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Russell W. Terry, 48, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 22. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County bench warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Scottie R. Utley, 49, Madisonville, was arrested Feb. 23 on Rosedale Lane. He was charged with theft by deception including cold checks under \$500 (Hopkins County warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

Two Dawson Springs residents were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department:

—Jason L. Laureano, 32, Walnut Grove Road, was charged Feb. 16 with fourth-degree assault.

—Ashley N. Laureano, 28, Charleston Road, was charged Feb. 19 with second-degree burglary on a warrant.

A local woman was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Nicole M. Mitchell, 21, 12385 Nortonville Road, was charged Feb. 22 with nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County warrant.

## White Plains Woman Jailed After Drug-Related Arrest

A White Plains woman was arrested on drug-related charges by Kentucky State Police Sunday.

The state police and the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department received a complaint that a wanted fugitive, Joseph Larkens, was at a residence at 330 Trabue Road in White Plains.

Trooper Jonathan Murphy and deputies Gossett and Barnes obtained permission from Lauren Hawkins to search her residence. They detected a strong odor of marijuana from Hawkins' room and observed marijuana and other drug-related items

in plain view. Because of the discovery of these items, a search warrant was obtained.

Baggies of suspected methamphetamine, marijuana, several items of drug paraphernalia and items consistent with the trafficking of methamphetamine were located during execution of the warrant.

Hawkins was charged with possession of marijuana, buying/possessing drug paraphernalia and trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (methamphetamine). She was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.



**SERVERS at the dinner theater at the community center Saturday, Feb. 22, are (from left) Callie Menser, Tatum Rose, and Cameron Riley.**

## Survey Shows Kentucky Favors Raising Wages

By Sam Youngman  
Lexington Herald-Leader

Kentucky voters favor raising the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour by a two-to-one margin, spelling potential trouble for Republicans this November.

According to the first of six Herald-leader/WKYT Bluegrass Polls this year, 61 percent of registered voters are in favor of raising the minimum wage, while 32 percent oppose.

"What I'd love to see is for all of our governing bodies to have to live on minimum wage, what it is currently," said poll respondent Rebecca Rawlings, a 55-year-old in Elizabethtown who agreed to a follow-up interview.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, is spearheading an effort to increase the minimum wage this year in Kentucky. His bill won approval in the Democratic-led House 55-44 on Thursday but is expected to die in the Republican-led Senate. The state proposal mirrors legislation in Washington and will undoubtedly be a hot-button campaign issue this fall.

It already looks to be a key dividing point in the potential fall matchup between Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. McConnell must first face a Republican primary challenge from Louisville businessman Matt Bevin.

Following the lead of national Democrats, Grimes has made raising the minimum wage one of the main themes of her campaign, daring McConnell to go all-in on what is an unpopular stance for Republicans.

"That's a position she'll have an easy time selling," said Stephen Voss, a political science professor at the University of Kentucky. "It's incredibly popular with the groups already leaning her way, such as young voters and liberal Democrats. Raising the minimum wage wins support among

moderate swing voters, and it's even popular with some groups she'd normally have to fight harder to attract, such as high-income voters and voters in Eastern Kentucky."

The poll, conducted in partnership with the Courier-Journal and WHAS-TV in Louisville, found that 73 percent of Democrats support the wage hike, along with 59 percent of independents and 45 percent of Republicans.

Survey USA interviewed 1,082 registered voters from Jan. 30 to Feb. 3. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Support for raising the minimum wage is highest in the eastern part of the state, with 65 percent of respondents in favor. That compares with 64 percent in the north-central region, which includes Lexington, 62 percent in Louisville and surrounding areas, and 51 percent in Western Kentucky.

Voss noted that the Eastern Kentucky response on minimum wage is "one of the few issues on which that region is notably more liberal than other parts of the state," but he said it's in line with the region's "broader tendency toward populism."

"They're very conservative on social issues such as gay marriage or even medical marijuana, but they tend to look much more like Democrats when you shift to economic and budgetary issues," Voss said.

The poll also found that women, young voters and black voters were more supportive of raising the minimum wage overall.

Among women, 65 percent were in favor of raising pay, compared with 55 percent of men. Sixty-nine percent of those under the age of 35 favored the wage hike, compared with 58 percent for those between the ages of 35 and 64.

A super majority of black voters — 81 percent — support raising the minimum wage, while 59 percent of white voters support it.

## State Police Investigating Burglary In Nortonville

The Kentucky State Police is investigating a burglary believed to have occurred Feb. 19 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. at 31 S. Chestnut St. in Nortonville. A storage shed attached to the residence at the end of the drive-

way was broken into, and several tools were taken, including power tools and a 20-gallon air compressor.

Anyone having information regarding this crime is asked to phone Trooper Bob Winters at 270-676-3313.

## Highway Crews Are Busy Patching Road Potholes

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet highway crews are using the current break from snow and ice duty to fix another nuisance created by the snow, ice and freezing temperatures: potholes.

"During the winter season, pavement takes a lot of punishment," said Nancy Albright, deputy state highway engineer for project delivery and preservation.

Potholes begin with water seeping into roadway cracks. Freezing and thawing temperatures cause pavement to expand and break apart.

"Combine these elements with plowing, salt-

ing and sheer volume of traffic over broken pavement, and small cracks can quickly become potholes," Albright said.

To combat this, for the next several weeks crews will patch potholes every day the weather permits.

While highway crews are out fixing roads, the public is asked to help crews do their job by being attentive and patient to those working and reporting potholes along state routes.

Motorists can report potholes in Kentucky at 1-877-FOR-KYTC or <http://transportation.ky.gov/Pages/Report-a-Pothole.aspx>.

## Single-Vehicle Accident Sends Woman To Hospital

The Kentucky State Police investigated a single-vehicle injury collision Friday morning on Ky. 70, two miles west of Madisonville.

The preliminary investigation revealed Stephanie Wells, 24, of Nebo, lost control of her vehicle, which left the shoulder, entered a ditch

line and overturned.

Wells was transported by a family member to Baptist Health Madisonville for treatment. She was wearing a seat belt.

Trooper Ben Sawyer investigated the collision. Richland Volunteer Fire Department assisted at the scene.

## White Plains Man Arrested On Sexual Abuse Charges

Gary G. Dillingham, 70, of White Plains, was arrested Friday by Kentucky State Police on charges related to sexual abuse.

An investigation was initiated Thursday after KSP received information from the Hopkins County Department of Community Based Services that the accused was involved in the sexual abuse of an adult female.

Detective Lonnie Kavanaugh arrested

Dillingham Friday at his residence. He was charged with five counts of third-degree rape and three counts of third-degree sodomy. He was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

The investigation is ongoing. Lt. Brenton L. Ford, Detective Dan Morck, Detective Lloyd Ray and Trooper Bob Winters assisted with the investigation and arrest.

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Bowling Green  
Daily News

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# OPINION

## ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

# Basketball has lost popularity

When the Panthers played Hopkins County Central in a girl/boy doubleheader recently at Panther gym, I was glad to see and visit with an old friend of mine whom I worked with at the phone company.

John Smith and his wife were at the game watching a grandchild. We hadn't seen each other in a long time and after we exchanged pleasantries, John commented about what a nice gym we have here in Dawson Springs.

It truly is something we should be proud of. Visitors always hand out compliments about our gym.

As our conversation continued, I mentioned the gym was so small we would never be considered to host the district tournament. This is when the conversation turned.

John said there was no reason Panther gym couldn't host the district tournament. He based his reason on the fact that several weeks earlier Hopkins County Central had hosted district-rival Madisonville-North Hopkins. The size of the crowd wouldn't have filled our gym he said.

We did host the All "A" Classic regional tournament earlier this year. The gym was full as the small-school tournament usually brings out nice crowds for the semifinals and finals.

But the popularity of high school basketball is definitely waning. That fact was especially made known at Monday's 7th District Tournament game at Maroon gym in Madisonville.

Not only could that crowd have had plenty of leg room in Panther gym, it would have fit in the school cafeteria at Dawson Springs High School.

When the national anthem was played before the girls game, Madisonville-North Hopkins had 33 fans on their side — on both levels. This number included one injured cheerleader and one infant in his or her mother's arms. After the Anthem and up until right after the opening tip, the crowd began to spill in. I counted seven more who spilled in.

I looked around at the Panthers' section and counted 58 fans who made the trip the 25 or so miles to Madisonville. This number did not include the DSHS pep band.

And speaking of pep bands, the MNHHS pep band did not show up until after the game had started, sometime right before halftime.

By tipoff, the Maroon crowd had swelled to 52, and the Maroon Pep band had arrived in time to play some drums at the end of the first quarter — but not the full pep band.

Midway through the second quarter of the girls game, there were 34 MNHHS fans in the lower bowl and 40 in the upper bowl (other than pep band). By the time the girls game was over and at tipoff of the boys game, there were fewer than 100 fans on the Maroons' sideline.

The cost to attend a high school basketball game is \$5. It's possible that keeps some people away. The fact the Panthers have not been very competitive this year could also be a factor.

But what's amazing is the Maroons boast one of the best girls teams in the region and a good boys team. They are both the cream of the 7th District. Where are their fans? Where is the community support?

High school basketball is definitely waning — at least at the 7th District Tournament.

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One event which was very well attended last weeked was the mystery dinner theater held at the community center Saturday.

The crowd for both performances probably numbered around 80, but this meant the performances were sold out. What that means is most of you reading this right now did not attend.

You missed a very good performance and some good food.

The production of "Cafe Murder" was naturally a low-budget affair, but that didn't take anything away from the entertainment value. Our local actors all performed very well, and the staff who prepared the dinner also performed very well.

We look forward to other productions from the group that calls itself Voices of Dawson Springs.

Next time, we hope more people will support them in their efforts — and we also hope there will be room for these more people.

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The city's recycling center seems to be going over very well, especially considering how often the bins are full and things are over flowing. But it appears from here some people need a lesson in what is paper, what are boxes and what is plastic. If it's paper, then it's not plastic. However, there could be some legitimate confusion about what is considered cardboard and what is considered paper. It's obvious, writing paper is paper — at least we hope that's obvious.

And speaking of the recycling center, we hope the city will find the funds in the budget to provide a bit of gravel in and around the recycling area.

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## Commentary...

# Local Option Sales Tax May Pass

By Paul Coomes, Ph.D.  
and William Hoyt, Ph.D.

This year, the Kentucky state legislature could give citizens a chance to vote on allowing time-limited local sales taxes for dedicated projects. These would be optional at the local level, probably a 1-percentage-point rate added to the 6 percent rate now levied by Kentucky state government. As economists, we write not to recommend higher taxes overall, but to explain why local sales taxes are both popular around the United States and a useful addition to the financial toolbox of local communities.

Economists see many advantages to local sales taxes compared to other taxes. One axiom of economics is that if you tax something you get less of it. Thus, taxing consumption encourages saving, while taxing income punishes effort and achievement. Moreover, households tend to view sales taxes as associated with the voluntary act of purchasing something desirable, but view income taxes as a forced extraction from their hard earned wages and salaries. Hence, voters are more likely to approve sales tax increases, particularly when they see the funds dedicated to an important public good or service, but to reject income tax increases.

Local governments around Kentucky need some financial flexibility. They are on the front lines of services to residents and businesses, including public safety,

fire protection, EMS, sanitation, roads, sidewalks, libraries, parks and recreation facilities. Yet, they are increasingly squeezed by huge employee pension costs required by state government. Local governments rely on property tax revenues, which have been flat for many years, and occupational and business taxes that discourage work and risk taking. And, being closest to voters, local public officials hear the "no new taxes" message the loudest and most frequently.

A more subtle, but equally important, point is that communities around Kentucky aspire to grow and prosper in different ways. Some want more safety, some more parks, some more libraries, convention centers, bike paths, arts facilities, buses, or swimming pools. Some want less. Kentucky state government has traditionally provided many of these economic-development and quality-of-life amenities for communities. But state government has its own fiscal constraints and should spend its growth dollars on truly statewide issues, like highways, bridges, higher education, health care for the poor, and prisons.

With the option of adding, say, a penny to the sales tax, local governments could place on the ballot a proposal to spend the extra money on a specific package of public services most in demand by local citizens. If they approve it in a referendum, clearly the community wants to tax itself to get items

in the package. If the referendum fails, the tax would not go into effect. The complicated state-local funding structures to build the Louisville downtown arena and the rebuilding of Rupp Arena in Lexington are great examples of projects that could more cleanly be funded by a local sales tax.

Under one format, the additional sales tax revenues are used to service the debt on a bond issue, typically with a 20-year life, with the bond proceeds dedicated to some community enhancement projects rather than core local public services like police. When the bonds are paid off, the local sales tax expires unless voters reauthorize it for new projects.

The local sales tax option also creates the possibility of changing the structure of taxation without raising overall taxation. For example, a community could vote to reduce or get rid of its occupational license tax or net profits tax and replace the revenues with those from a sales tax.

Thirty-seven US states allow local sales taxes. Eighty of the largest 108 American cities have local sales taxes. Of our bordering states, only Indiana and Virginia do not allow them. Tennessee uses local sales taxes extensively, with rates up to 2.25 percent (on top of the state rate of 7 percent), and is thus able to function without taxation of wages and salaries anywhere. Kentucky's constitution currently allows general sales taxation only at the state level.

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## Other editors

# The fox shouldn't be guarding the hen house

It wouldn't be a legislative session in Kentucky if there weren't efforts on the part of some elected officials to weaken Kentucky's Open Records laws, so in that sense, Senate Bill 101 and Senate Bill 130 are par for the course.

What sets these two pieces of legislation apart, however, is the audacity of efforts to convince the public that these laws are actually about promoting greater transparency. Supporters want you to believe this is about protecting poor, cash-strapped governments from the big, bad media empires, when in fact, what they really want is to let the fox guard the hen house.

Let's start with Senate Bill 101, which is sponsored by Republican Sens. Julie Denton, Christian McDaniel and Whitney Westerfield. As it stands now, governments are required to publish financial information and other legal notices in the local newspaper, but SB 101 would allow them to instead post this information online at a Web site operated by local government.

So basically, their idea of improved transparency is to take this information out of the hands of an independent party and allow local governments to have control over what information they do or don't make public. What's really ironic is this "trust us" campaign is being led by the Kentucky League of Cities.

You remember the KLC, don't you? This is the same organization that for years fought to keep their activities outside the parameters of open records laws, despite the fact they take hundreds of thousands of dollars a year from local governments. This is the same organization that used those tax dollars on lavish travel and perks, such as a BMW SUV for top executives.

One of KLC's arguments for putting this information on a government-controlled Web site is that it will save cash-strapped cities money. We've heard this argument from KLC before. For years, they complained about the costs cities face with the state pension system, then gave more than \$250,000 in forgivable loans to five employees so that they could buy more years of retirement — essentially further taxing the system they said cities couldn't afford to support.

And yet now they say "trust us" on what information is made available to the public? No thanks.

Then there is Senate Bill 130, sponsored again by Denton. On the surface, this bill has some merit. It would require state officials — not the agencies they work for — to pay any court-ordered penalties for a willful violation of the Open Records Act. The hope is that officials might err on the side of transparency if they know it will be their dollars — and not tax dollars — at risk if they are found to have purposely violated the law.

But Denton was way off base when she told the Courier-Journal, "I look forward to having a discussion about this bill and having personal account-

ability in our cabinet so our tax dollars — tax dollars needed for our children in this state — are not given away to newspaper companies to pay legal fees."

This is textbook blame-the-media political spin. For starters, any money recovered goes to lawyers, not newspaper companies, but that bit of truth doesn't fit the agenda behind that statement. Beyond that, Denton, as a legislator, should know better than anyone that the open records law isn't written for newspapers. It is written for every citizen in Kentucky. The sad part is, newspapers are one of the few entities that can actually afford to challenge governments who are in violation. Most individuals would be put into bankruptcy.

And that, we're afraid, is the real motivation behind this law. Those backing it know that judges would be much less likely to hold an individual financially responsible than they would an agency. So fewer attorneys' fees would be awarded, and eventually fewer open records cases would be filed — certainly by the public — thus giving government even more control over what you can and can't know about their operations.

Is this really someone's idea of transparency? Seems more like a sleight of hand to us.

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## 10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004.)

The funeral for James Melvin Gothard, 86, was held Saturday afternoon, Feb. 21, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Delcia Orange Russell, 94, was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Helen Lorene Kirkwood, 94, was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 23, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Gladys I. "Mossie" Johnson, 91, was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 23, at Beshear Funeral Home.

## 25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 23, 1989.)

U.S. 62 East was flooded last week for the first time since March 1964.

Kelly Carlton celebrated her second birthday with a party Sunday, Feb. 12, at the home of her grandmother.

The funeral for Edd Lee Pendley, 75, was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 20, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Last rites for Mrs. Eva L. Stinnett, 73, were held Monday morning, Feb. 20, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Melissa Sue Bennett, 19, was held Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Beshear Funeral Home.

## 50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Feb. 27, 1964.)

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Stella A. Cotton, 49, Sunday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.

Kimberly Ann Stallins was born Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. She weighed seven pounds and ten ounces.

Featured in the Davis Grocery ad in this week's edition are:

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# Moments in time...

- On Feb. 26, 1564, poet and playwright Christopher Marlowe is baptized in Canterbury, England, two months before the birth of his fellow playwright William Shakespeare. Historians believe Marlowe served as a spy for Queen Elizabeth while at Cambridge.
- On Feb. 25, 1862, the U.S. Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing the use of paper notes to pay the government's bills. This ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions, and it allowed the government to finance the enormously costly Civil War.
- On Feb. 27, 1915, "The Valley of Fear" by Arthur Conan Doyle is published. Sherlock Holmes had been a popular character since he first appeared in the story "A Study in Scarlet" in 1887. The detective was modeled partly on Dr. Joseph Bell, a medical-school teacher at the University of Edinburgh.
- On March 2, 1944, a train stops in a tunnel near Salerno, Italy, and more than 500 people on board suffocate and die. The train's locomotives were burning low-grade coal substitutes that produced an excess of odorless and toxic carbon monoxide. Approximately 520 passengers were asphyxiated.
- On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy establishes the Peace Corps as a new agency within the Department of State, which would send trained American men and women to foreign nations to assist in development efforts.
- On Feb. 24, 1981, socialite Jean Harris is convicted of murdering Dr. Herman Tarnower, the author of the bestselling "The Complete Scarsdale Medical Diet." Harris claimed that she had been trying to kill herself but that Tarnower was shot when he tried to wrestle the gun away from her. He was shot four times.
- On Feb. 28, 1993, at Mount Carmel in Waco, Texas, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) launch a raid against the Branch Davidian compound as part of an investigation into illegal possession of firearms and explosives by the Christian cult. During an extended gun battle, multiple agents and Branch Davidians were killed or wounded.

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# Letters to the editor

## Voices Say Thank You

Dear Editor,

Dawson Springs is a special place. The support that was given to a dozen local citizens (Voices of Dawson Springs) has been outstanding. Voices of Dawson Springs may not be ready for New York or Broadway, but we know we brought smiles to many faces with the Feb. 22 production of Café Murder.

We hope everyone who saw our production had a good time and will continue to support our future productions. Anyone who would like to join in the fun is welcome to contact a cast member. There is a lot of talent in Dawson Springs.

Voices of Dawson Springs appreciates all the donations extended to the production. In time we hope to be able to assist others in Dawson Springs to meet their goals.

Thank you, Dawson Springs, for being so special and supportive. Bless all of you.

Lee Corum and  
Voices of Dawson Springs  
403 W. Arcadia Ave.

## Fans Enjoyed Play

Dear Editor,

Those who missed the performances given by The Voices of Dawson Springs Saturday surely missed

# Other editors

## Kentucky Legislature must fund pensions

On the closing day of the 2013 General Assembly, state lawmakers passed a "pension reform" bill and a companion measure expected to generate about \$100 million annually in new revenue.

Ostensibly, the extra money will allow legislators to fulfill the commitment made in the reform part of the package to fully fund the state's share of the actuarially recommended contribution (ARC) to the beleaguered Kentucky Retirement Systems starting with the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2014.

Unfortunately, this reform and revenue package contained no direct linkage between the commitment and the money.

Instead of creating a dedicated revenue stream for the pension fund, lawmakers chose to let the new tax dollars go into the General Fund and rely on their (and their successors') integrity to live up to the commitment to fully fund the ARC.

The integrity of current legislators, the ones who made the commitment not so many months ago, will be challenged as they get to work on the budget Gov. Steve Beshear will propose in an address to a joint session of the House and Senate Tuesday night.

And more than 20 years of history suggests they may try to avoid fulfilling their commitment to fund the ARC.

The "defined benefits" pension plan of the past wasn't the main culprit in creating billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities for the state's retirement systems (more than \$8 billion for the main plan covering state workers and retirees). And the reform's hybrid mix of "defined benefits" and "defined contributions" (heavy on the contributions side) covering state and local government employees hired after Jan. 1, 2014 will not make the systems whole again.

Kentucky's pension plans are in the hole they are in today largely because lawmakers, beginning more than 20 years ago, failed to fully fund the ARC year after year after year, by a collective total of \$3 billion. That's \$3 billion in lost investment potential and years of lost earnings from those investments.

Lawmakers got addicted to this habit in good eco-

out on an afternoon of pure fun. The actors gave it their all to the sold-out crowd.

Chef Lee cooked a delicious meal, and the servers from our own high school kept everyone's food and drinks coming like professionals.

How I admire the proud volunteers who work and give their time in the hopes of a better community for all. They are truly the meaning of the word Dawsonians. I can freely speak for the group I attended with in the hope of seeing more to come.

Sheila Johnson  
Dawson Springs

# Commentary

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But an amendment to the constitution, allowing local sales taxes, has been offered to the legislature, and with approval from the General Assembly will be submitted to voters later this year. We believe adding this tool to the toolbox of communities in Kentucky makes good economic sense.

Paul Coomes, Ph.D., is emeritus professor of economics, University of Louisville. William Hoyt, Ph.D., is a Gatton-endowed professor and chair of economics, University of Kentucky.

conomic years, when shorting pension plans by small increments so they could put the money to "more important uses" didn't cause many problems.

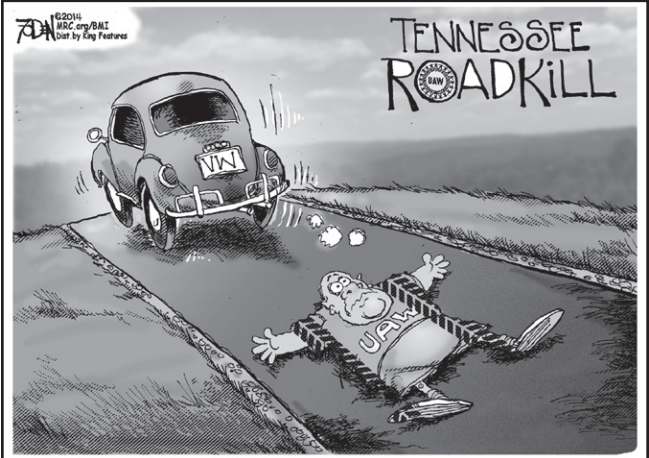
But they couldn't shake the addiction in lean times, when balancing the budget without increasing taxes prompted them to underfund the ARC by hundreds of millions of dollars annually and create huge unfunded liability problems.

Times remain lean. The biennial budget lawmakers will take up won't have a whole lot more money than the budget the state is living with now. And the demands, including Beshear's vow to restore some previously cut education funding, will be great.

So, the temptation for lawmakers to abandon their 2013 commitment and once again succumb to their decades-old habit of robbing state pension plans to pay for other programs and services will also be great. They must not do so. They must shake their addiction and fully fund the ARC, in the next biennial budget and all the budgets to come.

If they do not, if they break another promise and shirk another responsibility with another exercise in fiscal insanity, they all need to be sent home in November.

—Lexington Herald-Leader



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MAKING dessert selections at the chili supper sponsored by the band preceding the basketball game Thursday, Feb. 20, are (from left) Judy Fiddler, Jenny Bruce, and Dwight Bruce.

COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF DATA

State Releases County Profiles Report

The Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics released the Kentucky County Profiles 2014-15 on Feb. 17. The report is a comprehensive collection of the most current economic, social, education and employment data available about each of Kentucky's 120 counties, as well as breakdowns of each of the state's Area Development Districts, Workforce Investment Areas, Appalachian and non-Appalachian regions.

KCEWS compiled and produced the report from statistics in the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System and a variety of federal, state and independent data sources in order to help state and local policymakers and others have easy access to critical information about their regions.

The report includes a breakdown of regional demographics, educational attainment, college readiness, employment by sector, education pipeline, college enrollment, college financial aid information and more.

One of the most significant changes since the last county profile report was released in 2012 is the addition of comparison information between Kentucky's Appalachian and non-Appalachian regions.

"This new report highlights some of the problems facing our Appalachian counties," said Charles McGrew, who heads up KCEWS. "For example, adults in Appalachian Kentucky are nearly twice as likely to have less than a high school diploma and only half as likely to have a bachelor's degree or above than their non-Appalachian counterparts."

Statistics for Hopkins County show the 46,718 residents have a median household income of \$40,501, more than \$2,000 less than the median of \$42,610 for the state as a whole.

In Hopkins County, 19.5 percent are living in poverty compared to 18.6 percent statewide, with 19.7 percent eligible for Medicaid and 16.4 percent without medical insurance.

The county's unemployment rate at the time of the report was 7.3 percent compared to 8.2 percent for the entire commonwealth.

The sector providing the greatest percentage of employment in Hopkins County is health and education services with 32.2 percent of the total number of jobs, followed by utilities, trade and transportation, 20.1 percent; state and local government and public education, 18.6 percent; manufacturing and construction, 15.6 percent; agriculture, mining and other natural resources, 9.5 percent; finance, professional and other services, 3.1 percent; and information and communications, 0.9 percent.

In education, Hopkins County was slightly below Kentucky as a whole on the average junior year ACT composite score for 2013 graduates — 19.1 and 19.4, respectively. However, 61.4 percent of those Hopkins County students were ready for college and/or career by graduation compared to 54.1 percent statewide. The average GPA for 2013 graduates in the county was also higher at 2.98 than the 2.88 statewide.

While 18.1 percent of Hopkins County residents lack a high school diploma or equivalent compared to 17.8 in the state overall, the county ranks higher than the state in residents with some college but no degree and those with associate's degrees. However, only 8.1 percent of county residents hold bachelor's

degrees and 6.2 percent have graduate or professional degrees, both more than 2 percentage points less than in the state as a whole.

In 2011, 62.8 percent of public high school graduates in Hopkins County attended college. Madisonville Community College topped the list of colleges and universities attended with 176 enrollments. Other schools in the top five were Western Kentucky University (33), University of Kentucky (25), Murray State University (14) and University of Louisville (13).

Four hundred sixty-four students received Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships averaging \$1,109. Other financial aid awards included state need-based grants (60), state nonneed-based grants (195), federal Pell grants (126), federal need-based loans (64), federal nonneed-based loans (74) and institutional grants (67).

To obtain a copy of the full report, visit <http://www.kcews.ky.gov>.

NOW UNTIL APRIL 30

Spring Fire Season Has Commenced

It doesn't make sense for wildfires to start easily when Kentucky has had such a run of cold, wet weather, but how wet or cold the ground is has little to do with how vulnerable dead grass is to a spark.

"Despite recent precipitation, fine dead fuels like grass, leaves and twigs are rapidly dried with minimal sunlight and wind," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Division of Forestry. "With only a few hours of sunlight and wind, these fuels can become primed for carrying a wildfire. It is very important that people not develop a false confidence during wet conditions and take all necessary precautions with any outdoor burning."

Kentucky law designates Feb. 15 through April 30 as spring forest fire hazard season. During this time, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the daylight hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The law is intended to prevent forest fires by allowing outdoor burning only after 6 p.m. when conditions are less likely to cause a wildfire to spread.

Harsh temperatures mean drier vegetation, making it easier for a fire to start and spread. Even if the ground is so wet walkers sink into it, the vegetation on top of the ground is tinder just waiting for a spark to ignite. The division reports there have been 55 fires burning 1,506 acres since Jan. 1, 2014.

"This law is one of the most effective tools we have to prevent wildfires," said MacSwords. "Downed trees, branches and leaves from winter storms become 'forest fuels' that increase the danger of a forest fire. By adhering to the law and burning after 6 p.m., fires are less likely to escape and threaten people, their property and the forests of Kentucky."

"Of course arsonists don't pay attention to burning restrictions, and a large part of our wildfires are started by arsonists," said MacSwords. "The best way to stop arsonists from endangering lives and property is for people to make the call. By that I mean call the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON."

People should contact their local fire department if they have any questions about local restrictions regarding burning.

For more information about fire hazard seasons, outdoor burning laws and safe burning practices, contact the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 1-800-866-0555 or visit <http://forestry.ky.gov>.



CHARACTERS in the dinner theater production at the community center Saturday, Feb. 22, are (from left) Becky Solomon, Faye Winfrey and Melissa Heflin.

Gov. Beshear Sets Goals To Improve Kentuckians' Health

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said.

- **Obesity:** Reduce the rate by 10 percent through 13 separate strategies, including measures to encourage physical activity, using Kynect to double the number of enrollees in the state diabetes prevention program, and partnering with school districts to increase the number that collect and report students' body-mass indexes. Kentucky is the fifth worst state for physical activity among adults.
- **Cancer:** Reduce cancer deaths by 10 percent, largely through more screening. Kentucky has the nation's highest cancer death rate.
- **Cardiovascular Disease:** Reduce cardiovascular deaths by 10 percent, with measures

such as more smoking cessation and aspirin therapy. Kentucky has the nation's third-highest death rate from diseases of the heart and circulatory system.

- **Dental Decay:** Reduce the percentage of children with untreated dental decay by 25 percent, and increase adult dental visits by 10 percent. The strategies include public-private partnerships to see that three-fourths of the state's grade schoolers get fluoride varnish treatments. "the poor dental health of Kentuckians has not only subjected Kentucky to ridicule, but has detrimental impacts on children, the workforce and families," Beshear said.
- **Drug Addiction:** Reduce deaths from drug overdose by 25 percent, and reduce the

average number of poor mental health days of Kentuckians by 25 percent. The strategies include a "Good Samaritan Law" for people seeking drug treatment for themselves or others, and 50-percent increases in the availability of substance-abuse treatment. Kentucky ranks third in the nation in drug overdoses.

Increasing drug treatment would cost money, but Beshear said the state, nonprofits and the private sector can make most efforts "with very little cost to anybody."

Beshear named Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson to head a working group that will push the goals, with Public Health Commissioner Dr. Stephanie Mayfield Gibson as vice chairwoman. The group will contain leaders from every state

cabinet and will seek advice and partnerships from agencies and institutions outside state government.

Health and Family Services Secretary Audrey Haynes acknowledged that improving Kentucky's health status requires individuals to change their unhealthy behaviors, but said the greater availability of health insurance through Medicaid and subsidized insurance gives them more opportunity to do that. "Now we just have to lead them to the water and make them drink," she said, adding later, "We have to put peer pressure on each other," and health-care providers "have to become educators, more than ever."

Beshear discounted an Oregon study that found expanding Medicaid didn't improve

the health of new beneficiaries, saying it only covered two years. "We all know this is a long-term process," he said.

Kentucky Chamber of Commerce President Dave Adkisson attended the announcement and distributed a written endorsement saying, "The business community has grown increasingly troubled by the impact of our state's poor health status on workforce productivity, absenteeism, health insurance rates and tax bills."

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# TOURNEY TIME

## Panther Guys End Season

Even though the Panthers lost in the opening round of the 7th District Basketball Tournament at Madisonville Monday night, the boys had an early lead and their lone senior, Daniel Walker, poured in a game-high 19 points. “Daniel Walker stepped up and played the best game of his career,” Panther head coach Jeff Miller said. “He made his last shot of the game.”

But that wasn’t enough as the top-seeded Madisonville-North Hopkins Maroons ran away with a 78-26 win over the Panthers. The Maroons (17-9) will face either Caldwell County or Hopkins County Central tomorrow. Those two teams played last night but the score was not known at press time.

Hunter Dyer opened the game for the Panthers by making a left handed hook shot in the lane for a 2-0 Panther lead.

After the Maroons tied the game, Dyer got loose on a break

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SHELBY LONEY (left) tries to get around Shaniya Whitsell (4) of Madisonville-North Hopkins during Monday’s game in the 7th District tournament semifinals in Madisonville.

## Madisonville Gets Girls Tilt

The number four-seeded Panther girls faced the number one seeded Madisonville-North Hopkins Maroons Monday night in the 7th District Basketball Tournament at Madisonville. The winner earned the right to play in the championship game and move on to the regional tournament next week.

The Maroons were too much for the Panthers as they cruised to a 62-20 win over the young Panther squad.

After the Panther’s only senior, Shelby Loney, hit a shot from the baseline to tie the game 2-2, the Panthers went almost the entire rest of the first period before scoring again. At that point the score was 26-2 when Andie Mills made the Panthers’ second field goal with about 10 seconds to play in the quarter. The Maroons led 26-4 after the first eight minutes.

In the second quarter, the Maroons played most of their players on the bench to take a 36-13 lead into halftime.

With the Maroon starters again playing in the third quarter, the Panthers had trouble scoring,

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## Loney Leads; Girls Falter

Panther senior Shelby Loney saved her best for last as she poured in 17 points in her final regular season game Saturday at Whitesville Trinity.

The Raiders’ senior Liza Howard, however, stole the limelight from Loney as she poured in 29 points to lead her team to a 62-47 win.

The Panthers had lost to the Radiers 45-38 on Jan. 27 at Panther gym. In that game Howard was held scoreless.

Head coach Erik Peyton said his team again started slow, falling behind early and then not having enough to catch up.

“Other than that (start) we were in the ballgame,” he said.

The Panthers trailed 16-9 after the first quarter and 32-17 at the half. The Raiders continued to out-score the Panthers on the way to a 50-22 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Andie Mills joined Loney in double figures with 11 points.

“Shelby hit a couple of 3s early and gained some confidence,” Peyton said. “That’s her best game this year.”

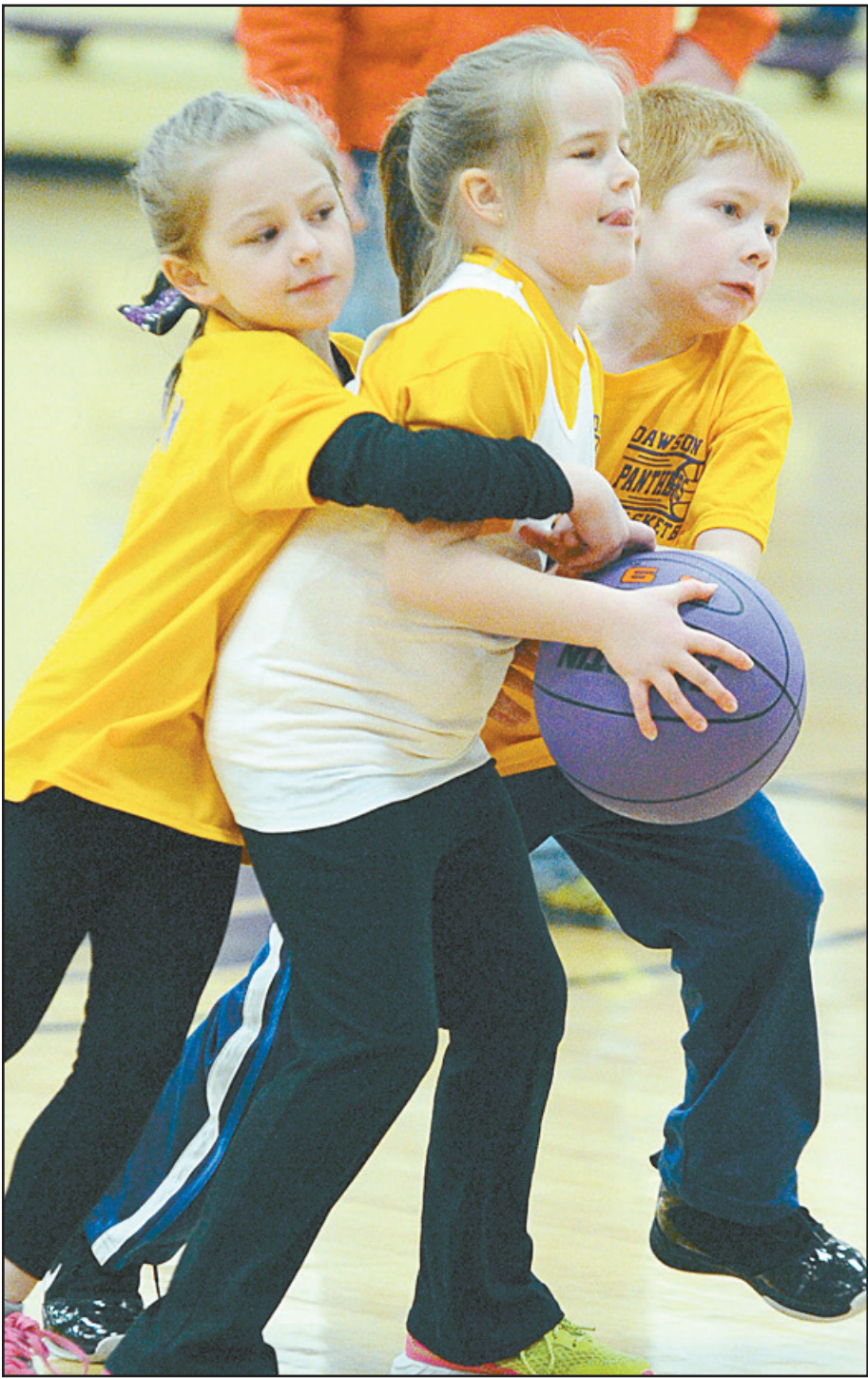
Loney hit three 3-pointers for the Panthers, and Brooklyn Cotton hit two.

The Panthers made only four of 16 free throws for 25 percent. Trinity made 15 of 31 for 48 percent.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Loney	7	0	4	17
Winters	1	1	5	3
Al. Mills	1	0	4	2
An. Mills	5	1	0	11
Woolsey	2	1	5	5
Cotton	2	0	2	6
Hendrix	0	0	0	0
Mitchell	1	1	3	3
TOTALS	19	4	23	47

3-pointers: Loney, 3, Cotton, 2

Panthers	9	17	22	47
Trinity	16	32	50	62



## Gotcha!

BAILEE COATES must think her defenders are playing football instead of basketball as she is held or tackled by (from left) Millie Cotton and Dakota Berry during a youth basketball league game Saturday at Panther gym.

PHOTO BY MIKE HOWTON

## CCA Spoils Senior Night

Panther head basketball coach Jeff Miller was excited about his team’s senior night game Feb. 20 against Community Christian Academy. He had good reason to be excited as his two-win Panther team had played the Warriors close just two nights earlier at Paducah, and he could see a win might be in the Panthers’ future.

But alas, a win was not in this Panther team’s future as the Warriors not only won the game, but they stomped the Panthers 62-30 on what should have been a senior-night opportunity for a win. The loss dropped the Panther record to 2-21 while the Warriors improved to 8-17.

The Panthers fell behind 21-6 after the first quarter and 40-9 at the half. The previous game against the Warriors was an under-10 point contest most of the way.

The third quarter was the only period in which the Panthers outscored their opponents as they pulled to within 46-23 entering the final quarter.

“We hit two of 18 field goals in the first half,” Miller said. “And only nine of 35 for the game. That’s 25.7 percent. We weren’t moving the ball very well. We were complacent.”

Freshman Dylan Simpson led the Panthers in scoring with 10 points. Cole Smith, who had hung 24 points on the Panthers two nights earlier, scored a game-high 27 points this time.

The only senior on the Panther squad, Daniel Walker, was honored before the game.

“Daniel played with a lot of heart and high energy,” Miller said. “He wanted to play one of his better games of the year, but for some reason the shots weren’t falling for him. It doesn’t reflect what he’s done all season for us. He’s improved in so many different areas. Without him, this season could have been rougher.”

The Panthers went to the free throw line 16 times but only hit six of them for 38 percent. The Warriors sank 15 of 24 from the stripe for 63 percent.

The Panthers turned the ball over 20 times.

“The whole team really wanted Daniel’s senior night to be special,” Miller said. “They were disappointed in how we couldn’t score.”



TANNER ADAMS (20) puts up a shot while surrounded by Community Christian players during action last week at Panther gym.

PHOTO BY MIKE HOWTON



# Last weekend was a rev-up for Pairings Show

Last weekend provided enough drama moments to wake up even the sleep-walking Kentucky Wildcats.

✓ In Lexington, a season first. Julius Randle scored a game-winner against LSU igniting a player pile-on. A what? Fans witnessed a flicker of college-kid-joy when a couple teammates pummeled Randle. Then the Wildcats put their NBA faces back on.

✓ Louisville. Down a point in Cincinnati and last seconds ticking off the clock, Russ Smith rose for a jump shot. Then, in an Earth-must-have changed-on-its-axis nano-second, he passed the ball, got a pass back and swished a falling down jumper to stun Cincinnati at home, and rocket the Cardinals into top two seed talk. Russ doth adore Russ Hero Moments. Kid is a winner, period.

From the No Kidding Dept. a national writer concluded the No. 7 Louisville's body of work this season has come against a weaker schedule ... but the Cards might not be as far behind the championship team as perceived." Really?

✓ In Bowling Green Western's defense smothered Louisiana Monroe without a field goal for nine minutes, built an 18-1 lead, and stopped a two game skid. The Hilltoppers (18-9) have four regular season games left in the Sun Belt.

✓ At Auburn Vanderbilt's starters decided to coast against the Tigers and fell behind by 16. Kevin Stallings did what good coaches do, skipped the plead and whine and sat them down, inserted two walk-ons who fired the Commodores to their 16th win.

✓ At Durham, North Carolina, Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim waited 39 minutes and 40 seconds of game action before showing his Lou Piniella side.

In front of Cameron's Crazies and a national teevee audience, Boeheim tore at his jacket, ran onto the floor to protest a call with 20 seconds left in a two-point game. Two technicals and one ejection later his No. 1 ranked team was, well, not number one. Replays showed referee Tony Greene got the call right.

Was a rev-up weekend for stretch run games, conference tournaments and Joe Lunardi's Big Pairings Show.



## Sports in Kentucky

### Notables

Kentucky's overtime win against LSU told us ...

- Before March Madness and packed in zone defenses arrive, the Wildcats had better find a Russ Smith-like jump shot range.

- If LSU coach Johnny Jones can persuade his players to believe every opponent ahead is Kentucky, then his 11-loss Tigers belong in the NCAA Tournament. If not, NIT.

Kentucky?

- Good thing: Another 20-win season.

John Calipari low balls all games that don't have word tournament in front, but by their presence for games in Rupp Arena,

fans value every W, even the marshmallows.

- Not good: Favored by 12, UK needed an overtime to beat LSU by one at home. Five assists isn't good either.

- Best coach thing: Calipari behaved less like Bozo the Clown than usual.

- Best coach thing II: Although well behind the curve, Calipari said something of substance. "We're still coach-driven instead player-driven. We've got to get to where I'm doing less, and they're doing more."

Amen to the last part. To the first: Calipari's remark would have fit six weeks ago.

### Inside UK at Auburn

By way of Bleacher Report writer Jason King's access to Kentucky's basketball team on trip to Auburn Feb. 12, UK fans got a telling look at their Wildcats. Fans around the Bluegrass state won't see observations from uh, mainstream media.

✓ Leaving the hotel at Auburn, "the Wildcats hardly notice two young boys waiting in the lobby with a basketball and a Sharpie. Instead they stare straight forward walking like zombies past the autograph seekers."

✓ (At lunch) King writes, "the Wildcats resemble a group of 40-somethings on a business trip — not a band of teenagers in town to play basketball."

✓ During a scouting report briefing on Auburn, King writes: "Assistant coach John Robic is annoyed with the vibe and tells the players, 'You've gotta snap out of this haze you're in. You should be excited to play tonight. We have eight regular-season games

left and then the SEC and the NCAA tournaments. After that, this team will never be together again."

After Kentucky's sleepwalk win over Auburn, Calipari tells his players "I know what I'm asking you to do is hard. I know it's tough worrying about everyone else, especially when your whole life you've only worried about yourself. But I'm asking you: 'Do you want to be special?' If you do, you've got to change."

Then, according to King, Calipari said, "When are we going to get it?"

### Just wondering dept.

- He isn't Larry, but isn't Creighton's Doug McDermott is the most entertaining player in college hoops since Larry Bird?

- Coaches. Raise your hand if you love watching Mick Cronin coach Cincinnati's Bearcats.

- Intrigue Dept. Labeled too short and not physical enough, where will they be in five years: Johnny Manziel and Russ Smith?

- Ideas Dept. University of Kentucky's cheerleaders won their 20th national championship recently. Maybe an enterprising filmmaker could put together a documentary, present it to KET, then we could all see what the big deal is.

### Kentucky's Mt. Rushmore?

If our state had one, who would the four faces be on a Kentucky Mt. Rushmore? A question posed two columns ago. Adolph Rupp and Ed Diddle seem naturals. A curious array of others have been offered. Among them: Kelly Coleman, Rick Pitino, Joe Dan Gold, Tim Couch, Denny Crum and S.T. Roach.

### Triple-double king

Union County High School won its seventh state wrestling championship this month. Senior Brock Ervin made himself Kentucky's first ever five-time state champion winning at 132 pounds. As an eighth grader, Ervin won the 103 pounds class, 112 pounds as a freshman, and doubled up 126 pounds in 2012 and 2013.

Best part? With trophies on the mantel, Ervin will wrestle at University of Illinois.

And so it goes.

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# Fishing frenzy: Try smaller lakes, tailwaters

By Kevin Kelly

Warming temperatures and longer days trigger an angler's instinct to reacquaint oneself with a favorite lake, and try new techniques and equipment picked up over the winter.

A break in the weather this week stirred hopes that spring is not far away. Some of the best fishing of the year will be had in the coming weeks, but early spring conditions also can be downright challenging at times.

A smaller lake or farm pond — once iced out — and tailwaters shouldn't be overlooked by anglers as potential options when water elsewhere is too high, too muddy and too cold to fish.

"The water levels in smaller ponds and lakes typically don't fluctuate as much as larger lakes and these small water bodies are the first to warm up in the spring," said Dane Balsman, urban fishery biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It's a good option when you're looking for something early in the spring when water temperatures are still pretty cool."

The Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lakes provide families and anglers of all ages and experience levels good opportunities to catch a variety of fish. Because of their smaller size and location, FINs lakes typically aren't as prone to becoming muddy when it rains.

The program includes 39 lakes found near cities across the state. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife stocks each with catfish and rainbow trout. The bass and bluegill populations are closely monitored and supplemental stockings are done as needed.

"If you're wanting to go to a lake, spring is a great time to hit the FINs lakes because we are stocking them so often," Balsman said.

The current license year ends Feb. 28, so anglers planning to fish after March 1 will need to buy a new fishing license. Those anglers who intend to keep trout also must purchase a trout permit.

The Department stocks 142,500 trout in FINs lakes during the winter and plans to stock 111,200 catfish this year. Around 60,000 hybrid sunfish, which is a cross between a green sunfish and a bluegill, will be stocked in late May through early June.

The extreme winter weather has delayed some FINs stockings. Trout stockings will occur over the next few weeks. More than 30,000 catfish are due to be stocked in March. Stocking schedules are posted online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

"We'll probably have higher concentrations of fish than normal because people haven't been able to get

## Kentucky Afield

out and fish for winter trout," Balsman said. "There's going to be a lot of holdover from the October-November stockings. That should sustain for several weeks, even up to a month or month and a half, after it ices out."

Tailwaters offer another good option. Not only will fish congregate below a dam, but the impact of heavy spring rains might not be felt immediately.

"A lot of times the flood-control reservoirs are holding water the first few days after a rain," said Dave Dreves, fisheries research biologist with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Once the downstream streams and rivers start to recede from the tributaries' flow slowing down, then they'll let the water go from the lake. Of course it all depends what the situation is at the time, but as a general rule they're a good option during a rain event or in those immediate periods after a rain event."

The Cumberland River tailwater below Lake Cumberland offers year-round opportunities. In late winter, sauger and walleye can be found below Wolf Creek Dam. The 75-mile section from the dam to the state line comprises the state's premier trout fishery.



KENTUCKY AFIELD PHOTO

Dane Balsman, urban fisheries biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, stocks a white bass into Upper Sportsman's Lake in Frankfort, one of the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lakes. The FINs lakes, along with farm ponds and the tailwater areas below dams, make productive fishing alternatives when heavy rains negatively impact rivers and reservoirs.

## Boating bill passes Senate by 35-0 vote, moves on to House

The Kentucky Senate has passed a bill that would require law enforcement officers of Kentucky's waterways to meet stricter standards before stopping and boarding recreational boats.

Marina operators, testifying before legislators, have recently reported a growing wave of complaints from boaters about overzealous officers.

The bill's sponsor is Republican Sen. Chris Girdler of Somerset, whose district includes the Lake Cumberland region, a boating and fishing haven.

Girdler says that the bill will also be an important protection for the tourism-based economy in the state's boating areas.

The bill passed out of the Senate last Thursday on a 35-0 vote.

It now moves to the House for consideration.

- The legislation is Senate Bill 66.

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Four Turns

- 1 **RETURN OF THE "3"** Austin Dillon's ninth-place finish in the return of the famed No. 3 car was a respectable showing on paper. It was a rough ride, however, as Dillon was at ground zero of three accidents, and admitted his fault, saying, "I think the yellow (rookie) stripes on the bumper showed a little bit tonight. But we made it through it."
- 2 **O-FER** Tony Stewart's hard luck in the Daytona 500 continued on Sunday. The popular veteran's No. 14 Chevy experienced fuel pickup problems near the mid-point of the event and was forced to the garage. He finished 35th. Stewart is winless in 16 Daytona 500 starts, but has won more races at the World Center of Speed — a total of 19, including exhibition, qualifying and the July points-paying event — than any other driver except Dale Earnhardt Sr.
- 3 **WINNING AS AN OWNER, TOO** Dale Earnhardt Jr. not only won the Sprint Cup's Daytona 500, he also won the Nationwide Series' 300-miler as an owner. Earnhardt's JR Motorsports team and driver Regan Smith won their first Daytona race with a .013-second triumph over Brad Keselowski. The margin of victory was the second closest in Nationwide Series history at Daytona.
- 4 **KYLE QUADFECTA** Kyle Busch won a thrilling Camping World Truck Series race on Friday. Busch passed Timothy Peters at the start-finish line on the final lap, winning by .016 seconds in the series' closest ever conclusion at Daytona. Busch now has wins in the Cup, Nationwide, Truck and ARCA series in Daytona.

Sprint Cup Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (1)	48	—
2. Denny Hamlin	43	-5
3. Brad Keselowski	42	-6
4. Jeff Gordon	40	-8
5. Jimmie Johnson	40	-8
6. Matt Kenseth	38	-10
7. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	37	-11
8. Greg Biffle	37	-11
9. Austin Dillon	36	-12
10. Casey Mears	34	-14
11. Joey Logano	34	-14
12. Kevin Harvick	31	-17
13. Jamie McMurray	30	-18
14. Bobby Labonte	29	-19
15. Reed Sorenson	28	-20
16. Carl Edwards	28	-20
17. Marcos Ambrose	26	-22
18. Kyle Busch	26	-22
19. Terry Labonte	24	-24
20. Kurt Busch	24	-24

Nationwide Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Regan Smith (1)	47	—
2. Trevor Bayne	41	-6
3. Elliott Sadler	39	-8
4. Brendan Gaughan	38	-9
5. Ty Dillon	37	-10
6. Dylan Kwasniewski	36	-11
7. Mike Wallace	31	-16
8. Chase Elliott	29	-18
9. James Buescher	28	-19
10. Brian Scott	27	-20

Truck Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Timothy Peters	43	—
2. Johnny Sauter	41	-2
3. Ron Hornaday Jr.	39	-4
4. Ryan Blaney	38	-5
5. Jeb Burton	37	-6
6. Joe Nemechek	36	-7
7. Jimmy Weller III	35	-8
8. German Quiroga Jr.	34	-9
9. Ryan Sieg	33	-10
10. Tyler Reddick	32	-11

Throttle Up/Throttle Down

**HENDRICK MOTORSPORTS** Picking right up where it left off in 2013, HMS drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr. (first), Jeff Gordon (fourth) and Jimmie Johnson (fifth) notched top-5 runs in the Daytona 500.

**STEWART-HAAS RACING** Kevin Harvick (13th) was the only SHR driver to salvage a decent finish in the Daytona 500. Kurt Busch (21st), Tony Stewart (35th) and Danica Patrick (40th) ran sub-20th due to spins, crashes and mechanical failures.

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Athlon Spotlight



Dale Earnhardt Jr. celebrates his win in the 2014 Daytona 500. (Photo by Actions Sports, Inc.)

DALE-TONA 500!

Dale Earnhardt Jr. flexes restrictor-plate muscles, wins Daytona 500

By **MATT TALIAFERRO**  
*Athlon Sports Racing Editor*

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - For a sport facing such drastic change — change that has not necessarily been accepted by an obstinate fanbase — NASCAR needed a dose of familiarity. In its marquee event, the Daytona 500, it got just that. Favorite son and this generation's most popular driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr., broke a 55-race winless skid with a thrilling victory in the Great American Race, giving NASCAR Nation a brief moment of serenity.

"Man, winning this race is the greatest feeling that you can feel in this sport, aside from accepting the trophy for the championship," Earnhardt said. "I didn't know if I'd ever get a chance to feel that again."

The win was his second Daytona 500 victory, the first earned 10 years prior. The triumph juxtaposed with the return of the No. 3 car, a symbol made famous by his late father who lost his life in this very race in 2001.

The event was also reminiscent of great Daytona races of the past. A tweaked rules package promoted passing, and the evening's cooler temperatures — a six and a half hour rain delay pushed the bulk of the event into prime time — increased grip and speed. The result was an action-packed show that witnessed seven cautions, four of which came in the final 32 laps that

set up pit strategies that further escalated the drama.

"I think it was the (rules) package and the way you were having to race to stand your ground," Earnhardt said of the competitive nature of the race.

The sport's heavy hitters were front and center, as well, slugging it out at the front of the field as the laps wound down. Earnhardt dueling with teammates Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon, the Fords of Carl Edwards, Greg Biffle and Brad Keselowski, and the week's heretofore strongest contingent, the Toyotas of Denny Hamlin, Matt Kenseth and Kyle Busch. If NASCAR needed its brightest stars to showcase its biggest event that begins its most dramatically altered season in decades, the boys delivered in fine form.

A chaotic final two-lap dash to the checkered flag found Earnhardt out front, fending off the dogged challenges of Hamlin, Keselowski and Gordon, who along with Johnson, ultimately rounded out the top 5. When the pack failed to formulate a drafting run on Earnhardt's No. 88 Chevy, he muscled his way to the win as the caution and checkers flew simultaneously due to a crash in Turn 4.

"Tonight it was about not giving an inch; not running fifth," Earnhardt said. "It was a unique race. We were all pushing the envelope out there and asking a lot of each other."

"Everybody was climbing on top

of each other and we all really put each other in difficult situations — but it was really fun. I felt like that for the first time in a long time we were able to see just how talented everybody is."

"I think everyone raced a hard 500-mile race," Keselowski agreed. "I never saw a lull in the action from where I was sitting. That has to be the hardest 500 race ever — probably one of the best."

The competitive race and electric finish, coupled with Earnhardt's popularity, found the crowded grandstand at a fever pitch on his victory lap. The result was a weight lifted off the shoulders of not only the driver, but that of his massive fanbase.

"It's a weight when you're not able to deliver. When people say that you're the face of the sport and you're running fifth or 10th every week it's difficult because you want to deliver," Earnhardt said. "This brings me a lot of joy."

It was a joy others felt as well. Jeff Gordon, the sport's "wonderboy" turned elder statesman, summed up the collective feelings of NASCAR Nation, which has endured droves of change — seemingly for the sake of change — over the past month.

"Congrats to Junior," Gordon beamed. "All's right in the world!"

For at least one glorious Sunday night in Daytona Beach, mere miles from the sands where the sport was established, all was right in the world of NASCAR.

Hamlin denied in quest for Daytona trifecta

By **MATT TALIAFERRO**  
*Athlon Sports Racing Editor*

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Denny Hamlin was the hottest driver in NASCAR leading up to Sunday's Daytona 500.

The winner of the 2013 season finale in Homestead, Fla., Hamlin rocketed to wins in the Sprint Unlimited exhibition race — where he won all three segments — and his Thursday Budweiser Duel qualifying race. Thus, he was on the verge of doing what no driver had done before: sweep Speedweeks.

And for the first 10 laps of the Great American Race, of which Hamlin led nine, it appeared he stood a better than average shot. However, a faulty radio in Hamlin's No. 11 Toyota after a six hour and 21 minute rain delay handicapped his chances. Having to spot for himself, the chal-

lenge was too daunting.

"Me not being able to drive to my ability because I was being conservative, trying to spot for myself, that's not a way to race," said Hamlin.

"Track position was so important I couldn't come in for a radio change when it went totally dead. You know, I'll be happy tomorrow, but right now a little disappointed."

Hamlin was the 14th driver in 36 years to enter the 500 having won the Duel (formerly the Busch Clash and Bud Shootout) and his qualifying race.

"I think our performance declined a little bit as Speedweeks went on by a little bit," Hamlin said. "I think the competition got a little bit better and worked on their cars."

"This is a tough business. You're out there with twice the amount of cars of what you were earlier in the week."

"Our car I thought was OK. Given the right circumstances, it



Denny Hamlin comes up just a car-length short of Speedweeks perfection.

was a race winner."

Those circumstances never presented themselves, though Hamlin was in contention up to the checkered flag. A failed draft to pass Earnhardt on the final lap gave the point and the trophy to the sport's most popular driver, as Hamlin settled for second.

"I'm so 50/50 on whether I'm (upset) or I'm happy — I just don't know," Hamlin said following the race. "Any other year I probably would have been like jumping up and down. We can hardly finish these (superspeedway) races, much less have a shot at a victory."

Tracks on Tap

**SPRINT CUP SERIES**  
**Race:** The Profit on CNBC 500  
**Track:** Phoenix International Raceway  
**Location:** Avondale, Ariz.  
**When:** Sunday, March 2  
**TV:** FOX (2:00 p.m.)  
**Layout:** 1-mile D-shaped oval  
**Banking/Frontstretch:** 3 degrees; Banking/Turns 1 and 2: 10-11 degrees; Banking/Dogleg: 10-11 degrees; Banking/Turn 4: 8-9 degrees  
**2013 Winners:** Carl Edwards (March) and Kevin Harvick (Nov.)  
**Crew Chief's Take:** "Like New Hampshire, Phoenix races like a short track for the Cup cars even though it's one mile in length. Phoenix typically makes for a long afternoon, because it's a tough racetrack. All the corners are different, so finding a good balance can be tricky. Throttle control from your driver can make a big difference. And then there's that dogleg that can bring out the worst in guys. Actually, I like how they dive down into that thing, but from a crew chief's standpoint it's a worry. I love the trip out there, too. Phoenix — the city — is a nice change of pace."

**NATIONWIDE SERIES**  
**Race:** Blue Jeans Go Green 200  
**Track:** Phoenix International Raceway  
**When:** Saturday, March 1  
**TV:** ABC (2:45 p.m.)  
**2013 Winners:** Kyle Busch won both events.

**CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES**  
**Race:** Kroger 250  
**Track:** Martinsville Speedway  
**Location:** Martinsville, Va.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 29  
**TV:** FOX SPORTS 1 (1:30 p.m.)  
**2013 Winner:** Johnny Sauter

Classic Moments

**Phoenix International Raceway**

Intense championship battles always shine the spotlight on the final race of the season. What is often overlooked is the race that sets up that final event. That is the case with the 1992 Pyroil 500 at Phoenix.

Davey Allison jumped into championship contention, erasing a 70-point advantage held by Bill Elliott and leaving with a 30-point lead on Alan Kulwicki.

Allison's win was no surprise. He won the previous year at Phoenix, and his Robert Yates Racing team was in the midst of its best season to date. Elliott's struggles, however, were a surprise, as his Junior Johnson-led team fought engine and overheating issues throughout the day, ending the day 52 laps behind in 31st position, his worst showing of the season.

Kulwicki also moved into contention for the championship — which he ultimately won — with a solid fourth-place run in his self-owned Ford. Kulwicki entered the day 85 points behind Elliott and left 10 points ahead. Kulwicki's margin over Elliott after Atlanta? Ten points.

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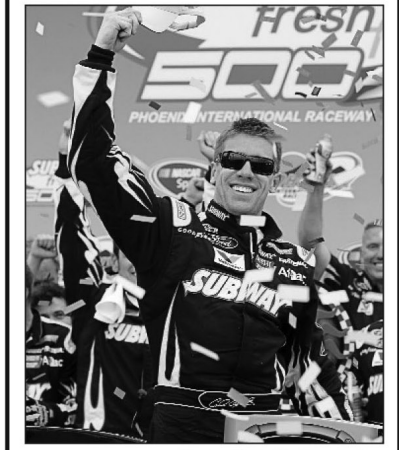
**Looking at Checkers:** *Carl Edwards* won the March race and ran out of fuel while leading in the fall ... but has Ford fully caught up?

**Pretty Solid Pick:** Kevin Harvick leads the series at PIR with a 6.6-place average finish and two wins in the CoT/Gen-6 era.

**Good Sleeper Pick:** A true sleeper, AJ Allmendinger has a respectable 12.4-place average result at PIR in his last five starts.

**Runs on Seven Cylinders:** We all remember Matt Kenseth's struggles here last November that effectively put a nail in his title hopes, right?

**Insider Tip:** A quirky track, Phoenix favors those drivers not afraid to try something different from the norm.



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# Warriors Defeat Panther Guys In Paducah

The Panther boys entered the final week of the season looking for their third win and some momentum entering the district tournament. With two games against Community Christian Academy and another at Whitesville Trinity, the Panthers hoped to be able to improve on their 2-19 record.

However, the Warriors of Community Christian Academy had other ideas.

The Warriors defeated the Panthers at Paducah Feb. 18 66-53. It was the 20th loss of the season for the young Panther

squad which starts four freshmen along with one senior.

The game was close throughout the contest, but the Panthers trailed at each quarter stop: 16-11 after the first period; 27-21 at the half; and 44-37 after the third quarter.

“They got an eight-10 point lead early,” head coach Jeff Miller said. “But when we realized we could compete we took advantage of certain areas we knew we could exploit and played them even the rest of the way.”

The coach pointed out the two main reasons for the loss were 23 turnovers and a failure to get back and play transition defense.

There were, however, some bright spots for the Panthers. Balanced scoring with four in double figures and the continued improvement running a new offense were two positives Miller saw in his team.

“Dylan (Simpson) did a good job running the point,” Miller said. “We did a good job getting the ball inside and then passing outside and hit-

ting 3s.”

Simpson scored 14 points to lead his team in scoring. Hunter Dyer, Austin Hart and Daniel Walker each scored 10 points.

Cole Smith, a junior forward for the Warriors, led all scorers with 24 points.

The Panthers made six of 10 free throws for 60 percent. The Warriors made 14 of 27 for 52 percent.

“It was a real good game for us,” Miller said. “We should have a better shot at them at home.”

The Panthers hosted the Warriors on Thursday night. (See the story about that game on page B1.)

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Simpson	4	3	1	14
Adams	3	0	4	6
Dyer	5	0	4	10
Hart	4	1	5	10
Jones	1	0	2	3
Walker	4	2	3	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>53</b>

3-pointers: Simpson, 3, Hart, Jones

<b>Panthers</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Comm. Christ.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>

## Girls Fall On Senior Night

Senior Shelby Loney played her last home game at Panther gym Thursday, but it didn't turn out the way she and her teammates wanted as her Panthers lost 51-34 to Community Christian Academy.

The two teams had played two nights before with the Warriors coming on top 56-44 in the previous game at Paducah.

The Panthers were tied with the Warriors at 5-5 midway through the first quarter but the Warriors scored the final four points of the period for a 9-5 lead.

The Panthers didn't score for more than six minutes in the second quarter until Andie Mills hit a couple of field goals for the Panthers' only points of the period. The score was 31-9 at the half.

“We let them do too much in the second quarter, and that's what beat us,” head coach Erik Peyton said.

However, the coach was much more pleased with his team's performance in the second half even though it was too little, too late.

The Panthers outscored their visitors 25-20 in the second half, 15-6 in the final frame. The score was 45-19 after three quarters.

“Our second half was a positive,” Peyton said. “But we just can't go that long without scoring.”

Andie Mills led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 14 points. She was the only Panther to reach double digits.

Loney, in her final home game, scored three points.

“Shelby's played hard all year for us,” Peyton said. “She's tried to be a leader. We will all miss her. Some of the girls are crying. They will miss her. She's one of a kind.”

Both teams shot 50 percent from the free throw line. The Panthers made 7 of 14 free throws and the Warriors made 6 of 12.

The Panthers saw the record drop to 3-18 while the Warriors improved to 15-11.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Loney	1	1	4	3
Winters	1	0	0	2
Al. Mills	1	1	1	3
An. Mills	5	3	4	14
Cotton	1	0	4	3
Hendrix	1	1	0	3
Mitchell	1	0	0	3
Whalen	1	0	1	2
Simpson	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>

3-pointers: Woolsey, Cotton, Mitchell

<b>Comm. Christ.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Panthers</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>

## Panther Girls Fall In Tourney

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putting up only four points in the eight minutes of the third period. The Maroons led 52-17 entering the final quarter.

“We were intimidated from the get go,” Panther head coach Erik Peyton said. “We didn't rebound their missed shots, and they had a lot of points on offensive rebounds.”

The Panthers ended the season with a 3-20 record. The Maroons improved to 20-7 and will play the winner of last night's Hopkins County Central-Caldwell County game for the championship in the district.

“We were without a returning captain and one of our better players,” Peyton said in speaking about Tiki Robinson and Malaia Miller. “We've been playing without them all year. We will improve. We just need to keep working and try to get better.”

Andie Mills led the Panthers in scoring with seven points.

Shyla Foster and Jolaine McNary led the Maroons with 20 points each, both equaling the Panthers' total score for the game.

The Panthers turned the ball over 24 times and only hit three of six from the charity stripe for 50 percent. North Hopkins hit 12 of 20 free throws for 60 percent.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Loney	1	1	2	3
Winters	0	0	2	0
Al. Mills	1	0	3	2
An. Mills	2	2	1	7
Cotton	1	0	0	3
Hendrix	1	0	1	3
Mitchell	0	0	4	0
Whalen	1	0	2	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>

3-pointers: An. Mills, Cotton, Hendrix

<b>Panthers</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>N. Hopkins</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>



## Youth hoops

**CAMERON MORRIS attempts to save the basketball before it goes out of bounds during Saturday's youth basketball league games at Panther gym.**

PHOTO BY MIKE HOWTON

## Slow Start Sends Girls To Defeat

The Panther girls traveled to Paducah Feb. 18 to play Community Christian Academy, but it appeared the team didn't get off the bus until the second quarter.

The Warriors jumped out to a 19-4 lead in the first quarter, and that hole which the Panthers dug for themselves proved to be too deep to get out.

The Panthers chipped away at the lead in the second quarter and only trailed 26-15 at the half. The teams played near even in the third period with the Warriors holding a 39-26 lead entering the final eight minutes.

“We dug a hole in the first quarter,” head coach Erik Peyton said. “It was 23-4 before we decided we

could play with this team. From there we pretty much traded buckets.”

In the final quarter the Panthers cut the lead under 10, but then a couple of bad plays put the home team back in front by double digits.

“We're not playing a whole basketball game,” Peyton said. “We have yet to play four full quarters where we play good.”

Andie Mills led the Panthers in scoring with 12 points. She was the only Panther to score in double figures.

The teams needed to hit one more free throw to break 50 percent at the free throw line. The Panthers made 10 of 21 for 48 percent. The Warriors made 16 of 33, also for 48

percent.

The Panthers' record dropped to 3-17 on the season while the Warriors improved to 14-11.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Loney	3	1	4	9
Winters	3	0	4	6
Al. Mills	2	0	4	5
An. Mills	3	6	3	12
Woolsey	2	1	1	5
Cotton	2	2	1	7
Hendrix	0	0	1	0
Mitchell	0	0	4	0
Whalen	0	0	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>44</b>

3-pointers: Loney, 2, Al. Mills, Cotton

<b>Panthers</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Comm. Christ.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>56</b>

## Trinity Girls Take Finale 70-42

A barrage of 3-pointers weren't enough for the Panthers to overcome a balanced scoring attack by their hosts at Whitesville Trinity in Saturday's final regular season game.

The Raiders cruised to a 70-42 win even though the Panthers hit eight of 25 3-pointers. The Panthers also fell to the Raiders 67-36 at Panther gym in the second game of the season on Dec. 10.

Even though the Panthers hit the 3s at a pretty good percentage, the same couldn't be said for how they shot free throws. The Panthers made only two from the charity stripe out of 10 attempts for a paltry 20 percent. The Raiders made nine of 24 for 38 percent.

The game was close in the first quarter with the home team lead-

ing 14-10 at the first quarter stop. By halftime, the Raiders had built a 30-19 lead which ballooned to 47-27 after three quarters.

Panther freshman Dylan Simpson led his team in scoring with 10 points.

Sophomore forward Drew Mills led Trinity, who had four players in double figures and 10 entering the scoring column, with 13 points.

“The game was pretty close during the first half,” Panther head coach Jeff Miller said. “We hit some shots and moved the ball around well.”

Things went down hill fast in the second half. Their coach said the Panthers turned the ball over, were beaten on the boards and gave up several second and third chance opportunities while not playing

good defense.

The Panthers ended their regular season with a 2-22 record. Trinity ended their regular season with a 9-13 record and was scheduled to play Grayson County last night in the 12th District Tournament.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Simpson	4	0	0	10
Adams	1	0	5	2
Dyer	3	0	4	6
Hart	0	1	3	1
Jones	2	0	4	6
Walker	3	1	1	8
Edwards	3	0	0	9
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>42</b>

3-pointers: Simpson, 2, Jones, 2, Walker, Edwards, 3

<b>Panthers</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Trinity</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>70</b>

## Guys Lose In 7th District Tourney

—Continued from page B1

away layup to put the Panthers up 4-2 at the six-minute mark.

North Hopkins then went on a 9-0 run that was broken by a Walker 16-foot jump shot to bring the Panthers to within 13-6.

After another Maroon basket, Walker went coast to coast to bring the Panthers to within five at 15-8 at 2:08 of the first quarter. That was all the Panthers would score in the quarter but the Maroons were just getting cranked up and scored 11 points in the final two minutes to go up 26-8 at the quarter stop.

From then on it was all Maroons. Walker made a 3-pointers in the second quarter for the Panthers, but that was the extent of the offense

in the quarter. The lead swelled to 43-11 at the half.

North Hopkins outscored the Panthers 24-6 in the third quarter for a 67-17 lead entering the final quarter.

“We were excited about playing in the tournament,” Miller said. “It was everyone's first district tournament as a starter. We came out and played with them early.”

Dylan Hayes scored 14 points for the Maroons to lead all scorers. Ivanta White scored 12 points. North Hopkins had 13 players score.

The Panthers missed their only two free throws and turned the ball over 20 times. The Maroons made five of 11 free throws for 45 percent.

“Our freshmen now have this tournament experience under their

belt,” Miller said. “It will help us in the future. The guys learned a lot. We'll go back to the drawing board and work hard toward next year.”

The Panthers finished the year with a 2-23 record.

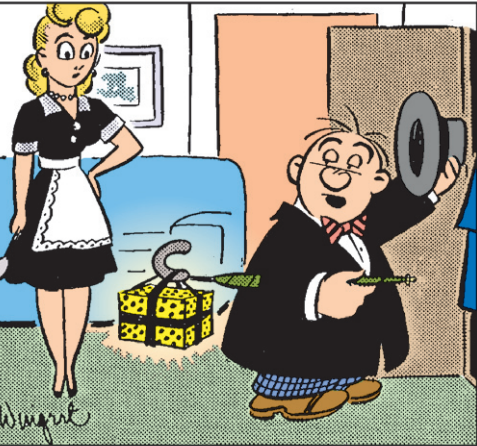
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Simpson	0	0	0	0
Adams	0	0	3	0
Dyer	2	0	0	4
Hart	1	0	0	3
Jones	0	0	2	0
Walker	7	0	1	19
Putman	0	0	1	0
Riley	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>

3-pointers: Walker, 5, Hart

<b>Panthers</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>N. Hopkins</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>78</b>

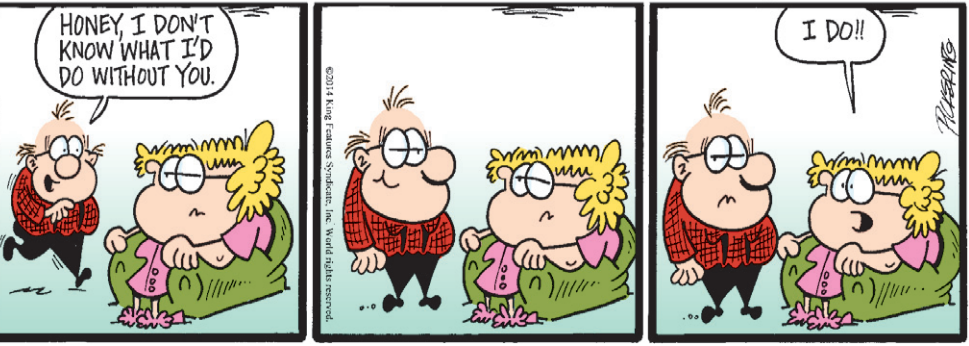


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"Darned if I know—I found it there after I fought my way off a crowded bus."

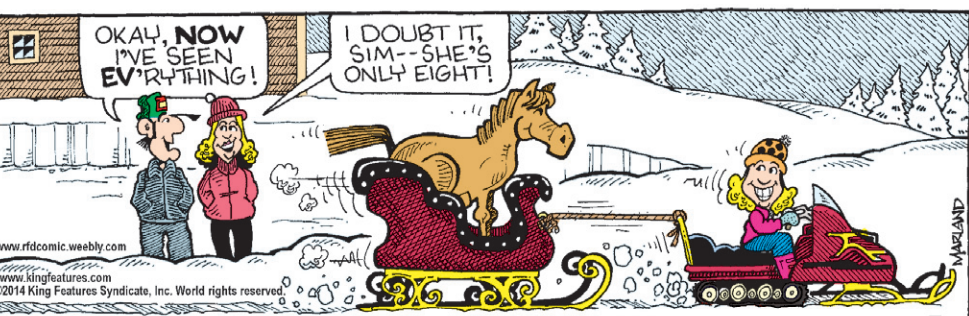
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LAFF A DAY



SUPER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Measure that led to a 1773 Boston Harbor "party"

7 Battery ends

13 Five o'clock

19 Medicine vial

20 Quick reviews

21 Finished

22 "Spartacus"; "Wall Street"

25 Music producer Brian King, in Lyon 27 — de mer

28 Duplicity

29 "The Defiant Ones"; "Halloween"

37 "... — I've been told"

38 At a reduced price

39 Skimpy swimwear brand

40 UV part

44 See 17-Down

47 Fawn, e.g.

48 "On Golden Pond"; "Klute"

56 Tarnish

57 Adam named her

58 Noted period

59 Sci-fi vehicles

60 Active sort

61 Conniving

62 Egoist's love

64 Prepare for publication

65 Muppet frog

67 "Hot Shots!"; "The Fabulous Baker Boys"

74 Corporate shake-ups, briefly

75 Runtish

76 False god

78 Cpl. outranker

81 French for "mine"

82 Where dawn arises

83 Gave nutrients to

86 Prefix meaning "equal"

87 College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

88 "Love Story"; "Little Darlings"

92 Ladder unit

94 Actress Mazar

95 Weed-B-Gon maker

96 Repetitive response to "Who wants ice cream?"

99 Othello's lieutenant

103 "... corn, — don't care"

107 "Badlands"; "Platoon"

113 Smart- — (wise guys)

114 Sort

115 Stop on a bus rte.

116 Tax return pro

117 "Chinatown"; "Prizzi's Honor"

124 Very disorderly

125 Fighting — (Big Ten team)

126 Drill directive

127 Glittery tree decoration

128 Latino corner store

129 Easier to see

DOWN

1 Develop a liking for

2 One-sharp musical key

3 Spill catchers

4 Black-and-white seabird

5 Bow of film in Drano

6 Mortise insertion

7 Ulna's place

8 — Marcus (retailer)

9 — razor ("keep it simple" rule)

10 Mexican flower

11 MPG org.

12 180 degrees from NNW

13 Emotion-hiding sorts

14 Come to a stop

15 Made mad

16 Marina — Rey

17 With 44-Across, just for fun

18 Sentence units: Abbr.

21 Together, musically

23 Executed

24 Size up from med.

30 BYOB part

31 Steinbeck's Tom

32 Model Macpherson and others

33 Foliage bit

34 Bursts (with)

35 Exemplar

36 Apologetic

41 Caustic stuff

42 Road gunk

43 Cellular stuff

45 Passed on a bicycle, say

46 Big name in soup mixes

48 — "So Shy"

49 Motorcyclist

50 Carter of sitcomdom

51 Naomi and Wynonna

52 Tell — (lie)

53 Journalist's tablet

54 Moore of film

55 Parched

63 All — naught

64 Turbine, e.g.

65 Kinte of "Roots"

66 — Friday's 2012, e.g.

68 "I'll — best!"

70 On — to nowhere

71 Vienna loc.

72 Sedgwick of Warhol films

73 Sammy of baseball

77 Texter's titter

78 Theater curtain fabric

79 Cheese type

80 Choir part

82 Huge 1940s computer

83 Hide hair

84 Pro at giving first aid

85 Oaf's cry

89 Run before E

90 Saw or ax

91 Actor Wyle

93 Popular 1980s jeans

97 Grow wider

98 Common soccer score

100 Sword go-with

101 — Mae (loan company)

102 Miffing

104 It lures bees

105 Unthrone

106 More asinine

108 Electrically adaptable

109 Hush-hush govt. org.

110 "This — stickup!"

111 "— Frome"

112 Fry quickly

117 RF crossing

118 "— get it now!"

119 Solo of "Star Wars"

120 Point on a pen

121 "I'm Real" singer, for short

122 Espionage gp.

123 Salty body

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## To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Heartbeat: How Fast Is Too Fast

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For some reason, I have gotten into the habit of checking my pulse when I walk or when I sit. While I watch TV, my pulse is about 100. Isn't that way too fast? -- C.K.

ANSWER: Pulse and heartbeat are one and the same. When the heart ejects blood, a pressure pulse is created in the all the body's arteries. You can feel the pulse beat in the neck, the ankle or the thumb side of the wrist.

A normal pulse rate (heartbeat) is 60 to 100 times a minute. Your 100 is normal, but at the high end of normal.

Since you have no symptoms, you don't have to rush to see a doctor. But at your next exam, mention your high pulse rate. The doctor can judge if conditions that lead to a fast heartbeat need to be investigated. An overactive thyroid gland and anemia are two such conditions.

The booklet on heartbeat irregularities explains the heart's many rhythm problems. Atrial fibrillation is the chief one. You do not have it. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 107W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I do hope you will be able to reply to my question. It is something that quite upsets me.

My granddaughter had a tattoo put on her arm from shoulder to elbow. Why she ever did this is beyond me. She is to be married next September. She is trying to cover the tattoo with makeup so it won't be seen.

Is it possible to have it removed? Do plastic surgeons take these things off? -- C.G.

ANSWER: People mulling over the wisdom of a tattoo should consider it like they would a diamond -- something that lasts forever. It could make them pause.

Yes, tattoos can be removed with lasers. Treatment is expensive, time-consuming and sometimes cannot get rid of all traces of the tattoo. It depends on the pigment used, but lasers do a pretty good job. Work is under way for the development of pigments that are more readily erased.

Plastic surgeons, dermatologists and other doctors are adept at removing tattoos.

Older treatments, still used from time to time, include cutting out the skin (done with small tattoos) or abrading the tattoo, similar to abrading acne scars.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What can I do to get rid of a carbuncle? I have had it for four months. -- M.G.

ANSWER: Carbuncles are huge boils that penetrate more deeply than do boils. They have to be opened and drained of the pus within them. Antibiotics generally are prescribed, too.

Often, the antibiotic chosen has to be one that's effective against MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staph aureus, pronounced "mersa"). MRSA is one of the new supergerms that are touched only by a few, rarely prescribed antibiotics. Carbuncles are found most often on the neck, back, thighs and buttocks. You must have a doctor treat them. You're not going to meet with success on your own.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

## TRIVIA TEST

1. LANGUAGE: What does the word "glabrous" mean?
2. MUSIC: Which folk music group recorded the original theme song to "Gilligan's Island"?
3. LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character of Titania appear?
4. GOVERNMENT: What are the five rights guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Mexico is divided into how many states?
6. ENTERTAINMENT: What was the title of Elvis Presley's first movie?
7. MEDICAL: How is dengue fever transmitted?
8. HISTORY: Which World War II general earned the nickname "The Desert Fox"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where does the phrase "eat, drink and be merry" come from?
10. INVENTIONS: Who invented the bathyscaphe, used for underwater exploration?
- Answers
1. Hairless or smooth
2. The Wellingtons
3. "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
4. Speech, religion, press, peaceful assembly and the right to petition government for redress of grievances.
5. 31 states and one federal district
6. "Love Me Tender"
7. Mosquitoes
8. German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel
9. Ecclesiastes 8:15
10. Auguste Piccard

## ANSWERS To This Week's Puzzles

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# PEOPLE

## YW Club Has Meeting At Pennyrile Resort Park

The Dawson Springs YW Club met Feb. 20 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Hostesses for the night were Jean-nie Moore and Trudy Hendrickson.

The theme for the evening was Valentine's Day. Everything from the decorated tables to the handmade tallies followed this theme. Warm cherry cobbler a la mode was served.

In the absence of the new club president Kathy Beshears, secretary Peggy Furgerson opened the meeting. The minutes were read and approved.

Charlotte Cooley gave the treasurer's report in the absence of new treasurer Sharon Budd. There

was no old business. New business included discussion of the by-laws.

After the business meeting, members played Rook with Marvalyn Tolbert, high; Sandra Menser, second high; and Barbara Thomas, low. Door prize winners were Bobbie Kinsolving, Furgerson and Shirley Menser.

In addition to the hostesses, members present were Furgerson, Cooley, Thomas, Tolbert, Kinsolving, Carolyn Stevens, Sandra Menser, Shirley Menser, Debbie Coats, Janis Peroddy, and JoAnn Edwards.

Peroddy and Beshears will be the hostesses in March.

## Kenlake Park Will Host 'Nature's Bounty Buffet'

Kenlake State Resort Park will hold its Nature's Bounty Buffet from 1 to 8 p.m. March 8.

The buffet will include bison carved on the line, catfish from Kentucky Lake, fried chicken, duck dumplings, wild boar spare ribs, rabbit potpie, frog legs, venison chili, various side dishes and desserts.

The price is \$23.95 for

adults and \$11.49 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat free.

Curtis Fowler from Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area will give a presentation on elk, bison and the native prairie habitat at 4 p.m. in the Garden Room.

For information about the buffet and "spring fever" special lodging rates, phone 1-800-325-0143.

## Scholarship Is Awarded To McKenzie Johnson

McKenzie Johnson, a senior at Caldwell County High School, has received the University Scholarship and Midwest Achievement Award to attend Southeast Mis-

souri State University for the 2014-2015 academic year.

McKenzie is the daughter of Henry and Linda Johnson of Dawson Springs.

## Forestry Division Advises It's Time to Plant Trees

At this time of year, the Kentucky Division of Forestry's two tree nurseries are alive with various activities. Last minute maintenance checks are being performed on all vehicles, tractors, buildings and equipment in preparation for the spring lifting and shipping season.

Although some seedlings have already been pulled and shipped, the busiest months for the spring planting season are March and April. The division doesn't send seedlings after April because it gets too warm, and the bare root seedlings do not survive well after they have leafed out for the summer.

Low cost seedlings and technical assistance are provided to Kentucky landowners who are ready to answer the inherent call to plant a small grove or reforest a whole

field. Single trees can be purchased for \$5 each, a bundle of 10 for \$30 and for bigger planting jobs there are 100 bundles for \$38. The price for the single and 10-packs includes tax and delivery.

Foresters from the Kentucky Division of Forestry are available to help match the right tree species to the situation. Trees can be ordered and assistance requested by calling or stopping by a regional Kentucky Division of Forestry office. To locate the correct office, visit <http://forestry.ky.gov> or phone 1-800-866-0555.

To get the best selection, orders should be placed as soon as possible, and to give the seedlings the best chance of survival, they should be planted by the end of April.



LISA WILSON, postal employee, directs a tour of the Dawson Springs Post Office for preschool students (from left) Caden Austin, Sophie Johnson, Allyson Kovach, and Savanna Dunbar Thursday, Feb. 20.

## Josie Rae Baker Is Born

Clint and Tiffany Baker of Nortonville announce the birth of a daughter Josie Rae.

The 7-pound, 10-ounce baby was born at 9:32 p.m. Feb. 5. She was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Scott and Kim Phillips and Greg Hibbs. Maternal great-grandparents are Wayne and June Hibbs, Elaine Hibbs, John Hall and Nancy Hall.



JOSIE RAE BAKER

Paternal grandparents are Wade and Lisa Baker. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Kenneth and Elizabeth Purdy and the late Clint and Joyce Baker.



MARY MORGAN assists preschool students (front to back) Rayliee Hall, Nevaeh Hawkins, and Preston Alfred from the bus when they arrive for a visit to the local post office Thursday, Feb. 20.

## Garden Club Meets At Baptist Activity Room

The Pennyrile Garden Club met Feb. 18 at the First Baptist Church activity building. Susan Menser was the hostess.

President Imogene Davis called the meeting to order. Charlotte Cooley read the club collect. Members answered the roll by identifying the flower that reminds them of spring. Sharon Budd presented the minutes from the November meeting, and Peggy Furgerson gave the finance report.

The business discussion included plans for the Yard of the Month project which will begin in April. Furgerson gave the lesson on plants for container gardens.

Dessert was served, and names were drawn for door prizes. Members attending were Jean-nie Knapp, Eloise Morris, Budd, Cooley, Davis, Furgerson and Menser.

The next meeting will be March 18 with Charlotte Cooley as hostess.

## Caldwell Animal Shelter Lists Upcoming Events

New Beginnings-Caldwell County Animal Shelter, courtesy of Goody's Department Store in Princeton, kicks off 30 days of giving. Beginning March 1, customers have the option to make a \$1, \$5 or \$10 donation to the shelter via the Pin Pad. All participating customers will receive a Community Counts Savings Pass which will be redeemable in-store March 19-27. New Beginnings will also have 50 additional passes to sell to friends, family, neighbors and prospective adopters for a \$1, \$5 or \$10 donation. All proceeds from the 30 days of giving goes to New Beginnings Animal Shelter.

The second annual Pins for Pets Bowling

Tournament and Silent Auction will be held at Lucky Strike Lanes in Princeton March 21 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Teams will consist of four members. The cost per person is \$15. A trophy will be awarded to the winner. Groups of families, friends and area businesses are encouraged to participate. There will also be many items to bid on. All proceeds benefit shelter pet health and wellness. For information or to sign up a team, phone 270-365-5376 or 270-365-1000.

The second annual Spring Pet-acular Adoption Fair will take place March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Princeton Tractor Supply. Adoptable pets will be on site to meet their "fur ever" families.

## Officials Investigating Collapse Of Building

By Austin Ramsey  
Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray Fire Department is investigating the cause of a building collapse in downtown Murray Saturday night that has left traffic diverted and officials baffled.

At about 10:30 p.m. Feb. 22, Calloway County Dispatch received a call that a building at the northeast corner of the Court Square had collapsed, strewn wall debris and bricks into the corner of Fourth and Main streets.

Within minutes, first responders and emergency management vehicles had flooded both streets, police and firefighters had cordoned off large sections of the square and lights illuminated an eerie scene before them - the roof and walls of the Hurt & Jones Attorney at Law office had given way, exposing the building's interior structure.

At the far end of the street, Calloway County Sheriff Bill Marcum directed traffic on Maple and Fourth streets away from the scene.

"Thank God no one was hurt," Marcum said, peering

up at the building. "We don't think anyone was inside."

By midnight, that corner of the square had filled with onlookers and emergency officials. The MFD, Murray Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Calloway County Fire-Rescue, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Murray utilities representatives were on scene, but still the building lay untouched.

Officials say they still don't know what caused the roof and walls to collapse, but the KYTC reported late Sunday that the city was awaiting the arrival of a structural engineer to survey and ascertain the safety of other nearby buildings in the 300 block of Main Street.

Fire Chief Eric Pologruto said his team left the scene early Sunday morning having ordered the continued evacuation of those nearby buildings. Until the structural engineer can determine cause and safety, he will continue to enforce that evacuation, he said. The scene remains in the hands of the city fire department today, but police officials are diverting traffic away from the scene.



STUDENTS participating in the regional Math Counts competition at Kentucky Wesleyan University Saturday, Feb. 15, are (from left) Cole Collins Alysta Butts, Lauren Davenport, and Kylie Littlejohn.

photo by Beth Dillingham



4-H WINNERS for speech and demonstrations in Jamie Brantley's fourth grade class at Dawson Springs Elementary School are (from left) Justin Dukes, grand prize winner for his demonstration of *How To Make Brownies*; Ivan Childers, first runner-up for the demonstration of *How To Operate A Remote Control Car*; Avery Buntin, second runner-up for his speech on *Sharks*.

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